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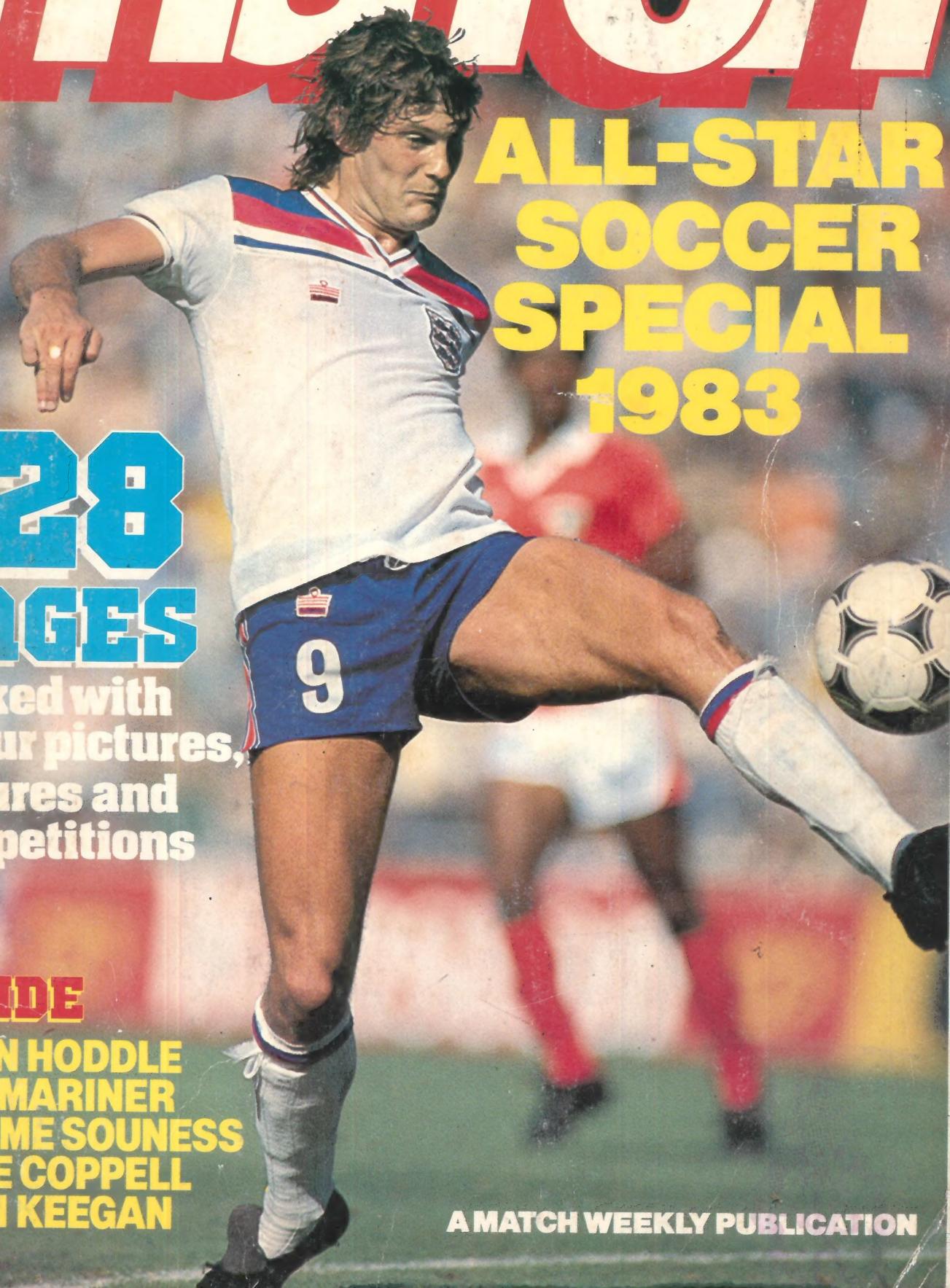
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# IAN RUSH

**SPOTLIGHT on the Liverpool and Wales striker who took the First Division by storm last season with 28 League and Cup goals . . .**

**FULL NAME:** Ian James Rush.

**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** St Asaph, Wales, October 20, 1961.

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6ft./11st. 8lbs.

**MARRIED:** No.

**CAR:** Renault Fuego.

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Chester.

**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** None.

**CLUB NICKNAME:** Rushy.

**WORST EVER INJURY:** None yet, touch wood!

**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:** Frank Stapleton — he's great in the air and on the ground.

**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Chester.

**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Diego

Maradona — he's got the best skills in the world.

**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** Banks, Cohen, Cooper, Moore, England, Giles, Souness, Best, Law, Dalglish, Greaves.

**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:** Banks (England), Vogts, Beckenbauer (both W. Germany), Moore, Cooper (both England), Rivelino (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina), Best (N. Ireland), Pele (Brazil), Dalglish (Scotland), Greaves (England).

**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** None in particular.

**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:** Parc des Princes, Paris.

**BEST GOAL SCORED:** A 25-yard volley for Chester against Blackpool in 1979.

**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** Glenn Hoddle's for Tottenham against Manchester United in a League Cup tie.

**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** All of them are difficult.

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** The 1981 League Cup Final victory over West Ham.

**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** Winning my first medal in the above game.

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Not getting to the World Cup Finals with Wales.

**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Snooker and tennis.

**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Winning and music.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Losing and traffic jams.

**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Not the Nine O'Clock News.

**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:** Political programmes.

**FAVOURITE READING:** Sports magazines.

**FAVOURITE POP STAR:** Diana Ross and David Bowie.

**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Steak and chips.

**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Lager shandy.

**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Spain and Barbados.

**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Clint Eastwood and Susan George.

**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** Escape to Victory.

**BEST FRIEND:** Many I hope.

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** Chester's Cliff Sear and my dad.

**WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:**

Hooliganism.

**SUPERSTITIONS:** None.

**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Steak.

**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Full, Under-21, youth and schoolboy caps for Wales.

**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be happy and healthy.

**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To be successful with Liverpool and Wales.

**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** Don't know yet.

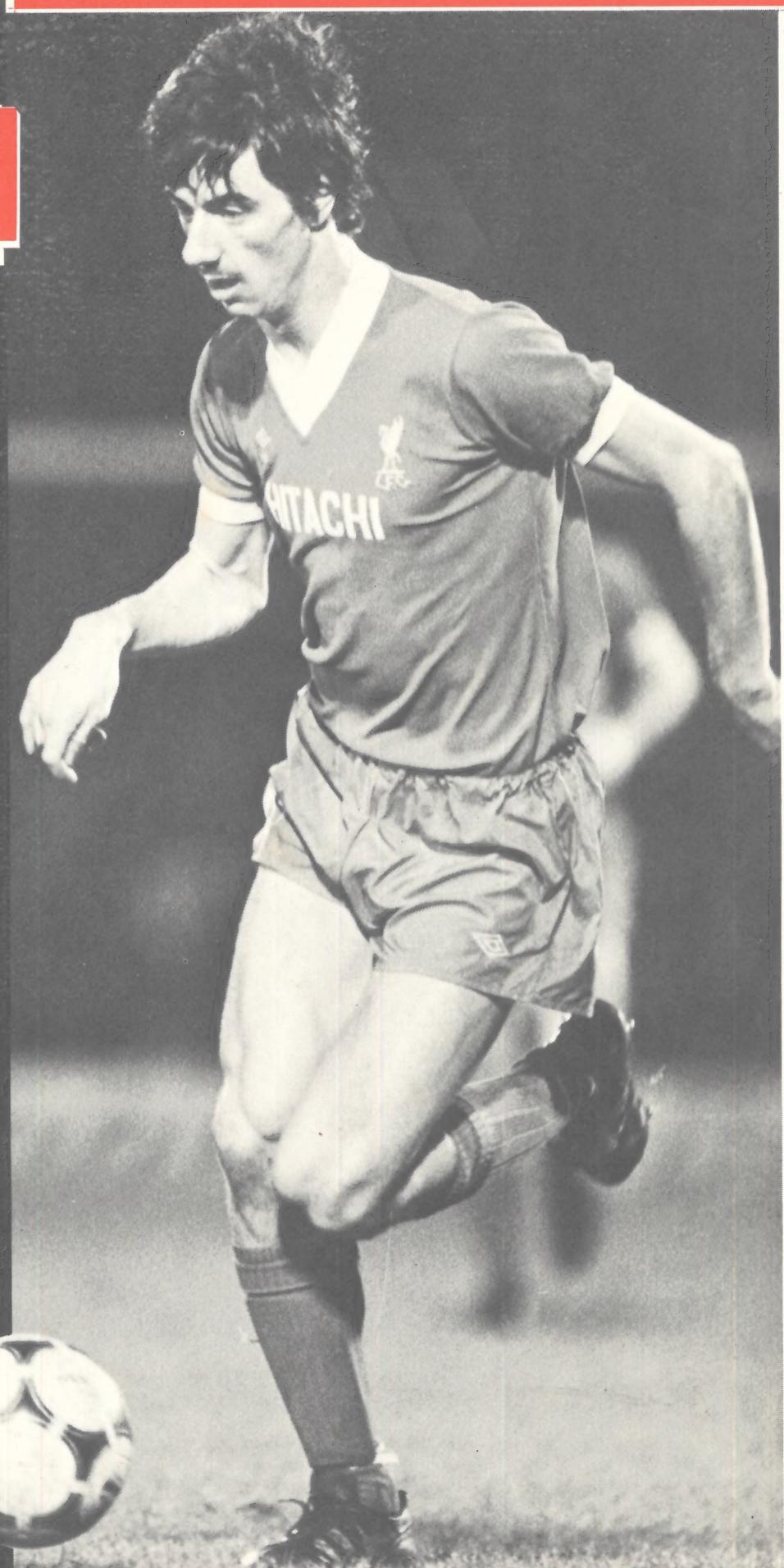
**PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Liverpool's

Ronnie Whelan.

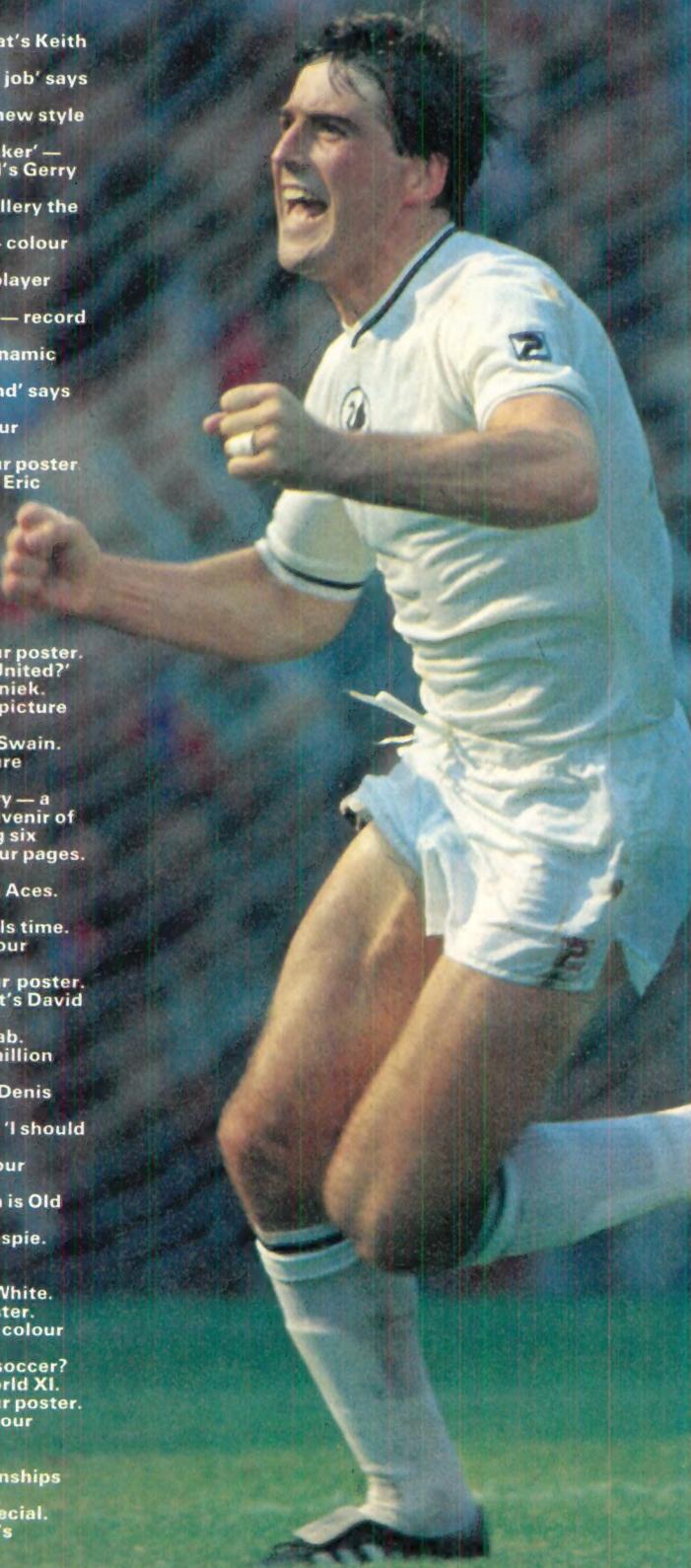
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# GOAL

**The goal that was worth £6,000! United's Keith Edwards scores his second in the 4-0 home victory over Peterborough last May. It earned him £5,000 from Pepsi Cola as the first player to score 35 League goals and he got an extra £1,000 for finishing the season as the division's top scorer.**

#### GOAL 1 — Sept. 19 v Sheff. Utd (h)

2-1 ...

'One I didn't want to score. There was talk of me going to United and I score against them!'

#### GOAL 2 & 3 — Sept. 29 v Crewe (h)

4-0 ...

'Second game for United. First a simple header from great Mike Trusson cross. Second scrambled effort just inside post.'

#### GOAL 4 — Oct. 10 v Port Vale (a)

2-0 ...

'In front of TV cameras. Beautiful volley into top corner.'

#### GOAL 5 — Oct. 17 v Hartlepool (h)

1-1 ...

'Defender hesitated before passing back to 'keeper so nipped in to score.'

#### GOAL 6 & 7 — Oct. 20 v Mansfield (h)

4-1 ...

'Far post header after Steve Neville cross. Second was best of season. One-two with Bob Hatton and cracking shot into far corner.'

#### GOAL 8 — Oct. 24 v Bradford (a)

2-0 ...

'Local derby against team in form. Header lobbed over 'keeper for vital first goal.'

#### GOAL 9 — Nov. 7 v Tranmere (h)

2-0 ...

'Steve Neville shot going wide so stuck out my foot and in it went. The 100th goal of my career.'

#### GOAL 10 — Nov. 14 v Torquay (a)

1-1 ...

'Goalkeeper beat out my original shot but I made no mistake with the rebound.'

#### GOAL 11 — Jan. 16 v Rochdale (a)

1-0 ...

'Farcical goal in farcical conditions. Shot hit defender, came back to me and I shot along ground past 'keeper.'

#### GOAL 12 — Feb. 6 v Colchester (a)

2-5.

## Goal by goal by Edwards

#### GOAL 13 & 14 — Feb. 9 v Stockport (h)

4-0 ...

'Can't remember the first but second after great cross from byline by Colin Morris. Touched it once and then hit it.'

#### GOAL 15 & 16 — Feb. 13 v York (h)

4-0 ...

'One-two twice with Colin Morris. Shot from tight angle, hit post and went in. Second long ball from John Matthews over defence, raced in and clipped over the 'keeper.'

#### GOAL 17 — Feb. 27 v Port Vale (h)

2-1 ...

'Jeff King and Vale 'keeper Mark Harrison collided and ball was going towards goal — I just made sure!'

#### GOAL 18 — Mar. 6 v Hartlepool (a)

3-2 ...

'Mix-up in defence, pounced on error and hammered ball home on bounce.'

#### GOAL 19, 20 & 21 — Mar. 16 v Northampton (h)

7-3 ...

'First from Colin Morris cross which I hit on volley. Second chase between me and 'keeper Andy Poole. Third was header into far corner after flick on by Mike Trusson.'

#### GOAL 22 — Mar. 20 v Blackpool (a)

1-0 ...

'Headed down into far corner after one-two between Jeff King and Colin Morris on left.'

#### GOAL 23 — Mar. 23 v Wigan (h)

1-0 ...

'My worst game of season and scored one minute from time. Squeezed ball in after defence-splitting pass by Morris.'

#### GOAL 24 — Apr. 3 v Torquay (h)

4-1 ...

'Chase between myself and 'keeper and shot under advancing 'keeper.'

#### GOAL 25 — Apr. 10 v Bury (h)

1-1 ...

'Defender hesitated before giving it to 'keeper so nipped in with a lob.'

#### GOAL 26 & 27 — Apr. 12 v Halifax (a)

5-1 ...

'Curling cross from John Matthews and cracked it under the 'keeper. Second a cross from Bob Hatton, turned in front of goal and flipped past 'keeper with inside of foot.'

#### GOAL 28 & 29 — Apr. 21 v Peterborough (a)

4-0 ...

'Perfect through ball from Morris which clipped through Neil Freeman's legs. Second from King cross and volleyed with left foot.'

#### GOAL 30 — Apr. 27 v Bury (a)

1-1 ...

'Two minutes from time a glorious cross from Jeff King which I headed into the net between two defenders.'

#### GOAL 31 — May 1 v Crewe (a)

3-2 ...

'Wasn't much danger as centre half tried to pass back to 'keeper but beat them both to hammer first time shot home.'

#### GOAL 32 & 33 — May 4 v Rochdale (h)

3-1 ...

'First was half-volley from near post corner. Second run by Paul Richardson, converted his low cross from left.'

#### GOAL 34 & 35 — May 8 v Peterborough (h)

4-0 ...

'First was half-volley, second squeezed past 'keeper.'

#### GOAL 36 — May 15 v Darlington (a)

2-0 ...

'Keeper Keith Waugh hammered ball straight through middle for me to run onto.'

**SHEFFIELD United striker Keith Edwards has relived the 36 League goals which helped his club to the Fourth Division Championship and netted him a £6,000 bonus.**

The former Hull striker was presented with a cheque for £5,000 by Pepsi Cola for reaching 35 League goals in a season and then collected a further £1,000 for finishing up as the leading scorer in his division.

But Keith started the season as an unhappy striker at Hull City looking for a move from Boothferry Park.

Ironically, his only goal for the struggling club was against Sheffield United and he says: "There was talk of me moving to Bramall Lane at the time and I thought I'd blown my chances of moving there when I scored against them."

But manager Ian Porterfield wasn't put off and splashed out £90,000 to take Keith back to Bramall Lane. The club had originally sold him to Hull three seasons before for £55,000.

"I had a couple of offers from clubs in higher divisions, but I took a gamble on United. I felt sure they'd be successful," explained Keith.

"I never really worried about the money I stood to win if I scored those goals. Success for Sheffield United was the

**Not since Ted MacDougall scored 42 goals for Fourth Division Bournemouth in season 1970-71 has any player scored more League goals in one season than Keith Edwards.**

**Here we spotlight his remarkable feat of last term.**

**Right: Keith Edwards — Sheffield United's goal machine — celebrating yet another conversion.**

# MACHINE

important thing for me."

In recognition of the part played by his team-mates in creating chances for him, Keith gave half his prize-money to the players' pool.

"Much of the credit for my goals must go to the other players in the side. If they aren't creating chances, I can't put them away."

When the new season kicked off, Keith was confident that the newly-promoted 'Blades' would be challenging for a place in the Second Division.

He says: "If we'd have been in the Third last season, I'm sure we'd have been promoted. There's not that much difference between the two divisions.

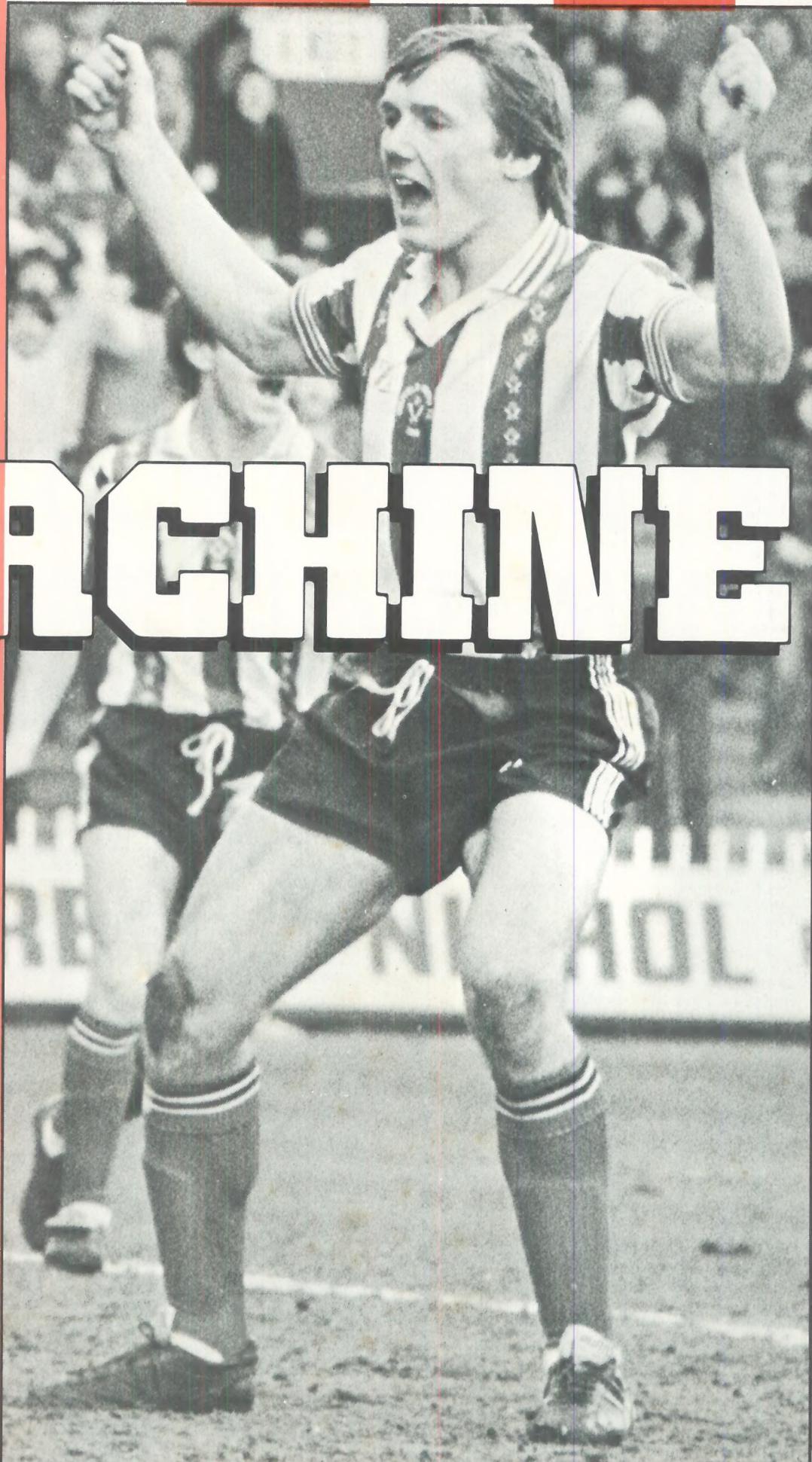
And the 25-year-old was also sure that he'd be among the goals as soon as the new campaign started.

## Proud

"I'm not saying that I'm going to get as many as last time, but I'm aiming to score between 20 and 25 goals. I've always been able to score goals and have always finished up as my club's top scorer. That's a record of which I am very proud."

Keith's best one-match goal tally last season was a hat-trick against struggling Northampton in United's convincing 7-3 win. But he revealed: "We got a right telling-off from the manager after that game.

"He was upset that we'd let three goals in at the other end!"





# WATCH OUT PAUL!

## 'I WANT YOUR ENGLAND JOB' SAYS PETER WITHE

**BEARDED** striker Peter Withe refuses to accept that his last chance of playing in a World Cup Finals has passed him by.

Whilst he was included in Ron Greenwood's squad of 22 for Spain in the summer, the closest he came to any action was warming up on the touchline during one of England's early matches.

But, says the Aston Villa forward: "The next World Cup is a long way off and it's a bridge. I'll cross when I come to it, but if I keep myself in shape, as I have been doing, I see no problem in being able to turn it on at the top level in four years' time."

"Okay, I'm 30-years-old now but I believe in looking after myself and training during the summer months, unlike some players. I enjoy it because I know the longer I can keep playing, the better it will be."

The former Forest and Newcastle star was a vital cog in Aston Villa's Championship winning side of 1981 and scored the winner in the Final as the Midlands club lifted the European Cup last term.

But he maintains: "My best years are yet to come."

"I was a late developer. I didn't get into the game until I was in my early twenties and I feel I'll hit my peak in the next few years."

"My international appearances have been limited because it's only 18 months ago that I came into the reckoning."

"It has been largely thanks to the success Villa have enjoyed, so it's obviously important the club continues to do well and I shall be doing my utmost to help bring them more success this season."

"I believe the last two seasons were my best on a personal level, but I'm always setting myself new targets and looking to break new barriers."

Peter describes being part of the England set-up in the last World Cup Finals as a "brilliant experience".

"Just being involved with the best players, top coaches and managers in the country means you can learn so much."

"It was always in my mind whether or not

I would go to Spain and it was a great thrill to be out there even though I didn't get a game."

As for the England performances in the Finals, Peter believes they proved a lot of people wrong . . .

"After the enigma of qualifying for the Finals, the team was being written off in a lot of quarters."

"But everyone in the England camp was so determined it was felt the team could go all the way to the Final — especially after watching the opposition."

"We did well in the opening round because we scored goals. Against West Germany and Spain in the Second Round, we were creating chances but the ball just wouldn't go in the net."

"It was just the opposite for eventual winners Italy, of course. They struggled in the opening games and then knocked out favourites Brazil on their way to victory over West Germany in the Final."

"However, I believe England proved they are a force to be reckoned with once more."

"Hopefully, we can prove ourselves at international level with success in the current European Championships."

Peter is still awaiting his first international goal and, should he get a chance to add to his six caps, he would dearly love to break his duck.

"Winning your first cap is great and it must feel just as good to score your first goal for your country."

"I've always said I can score goals given the opportunity and, being a goalscorer, it

would be nice to be remembered for hitting the net."

So the warning to Paul Mariner — England's first choice centre-forward in Spain — is clear: 'Watch out!'

"He returned home from the Finals as the man in possession of the number nine shirt, but it's up to me and everyone else to push him all the way."

"There are players keeping me on my toes all the time at Aston Villa and it's the same at international level."



Right: Paul Mariner in action for England — "It's up to me to push him all the way," says Peter Withe.

SPOTLIGHT on the break-up of one of the country's great midfield partnerships.

# NEW-STYLE

## IPSWICH

### MUHREN MOVE MEANS SWITCH

The warning was signposted in large letters as Frans Thijssen talked about the departure of his close friend Arnold Muhren to Manchester United.

Unlike those classic feints that flummox the Portman Road crowd, Frans could not disguise his disappointment at the reasons for the move.

The implication as he buried his sports that Arnold was determined to leave in search of a huge pay packet was obvious. Ipswich will lose their other Dutch master at the end of the season unless they're prepared to match the big clubs off the field as well as on it.

"The story that Arnie was asking for a lot of money was untrue," says Frans.

He never actually asked for anything. Bobby Robson made him an offer which was clearly not good enough.

Manchester United came in with a better offer and you can't blame him for accepting it. But he left with great sadness. He had four lovely years here and he didn't really want to go.

"There's no doubt Arnie will be big success at Old Trafford. He's a marvellous passer of the ball, particularly over long distances, makes goals and scores a few himself."

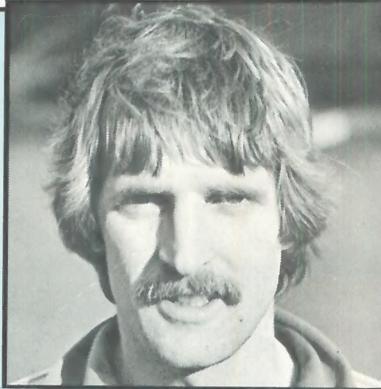
"He's deadly at free-kicks and his partnership with Frank Stapleton will worry a few defences this season."

Frans admits that Ipswich will miss his international colleague — but puts it no stronger than that.

"You are bound to miss any player of his calibre, but I don't see why it should make us a poorer side. Steve McCall can come into midfield and will do a good job for us."

"It will mean a change of style as Steve is a different type of player, but there's no reason why we shouldn't be challenging for the Championship again at the end of the season."

After the frustration of last season when serious injury twice



*Frans Thijssen — "Far from being downhearted at finishing runners-up in the Championship for the past two seasons, we are determined to make it third time lucky."*

interrupted his contribution to the race for honours, Frans is hoping he can go through the whole term unscathed.

He is not interested in speculating on his future even though his contract ends in May and he, too, has been promised a free transfer if he can't agree terms.

That speculation began last season when Frans was reported to be only hours away from walking out after his omission from the side to play Liverpool in the League Cup Semi-Final first leg.

"It happens all the time between managers and players. In my case it blew over after a week," says Frans.

"I'm perfectly happy at Ipswich and all I'm thinking of at the moment is helping the club in the chase for honours."

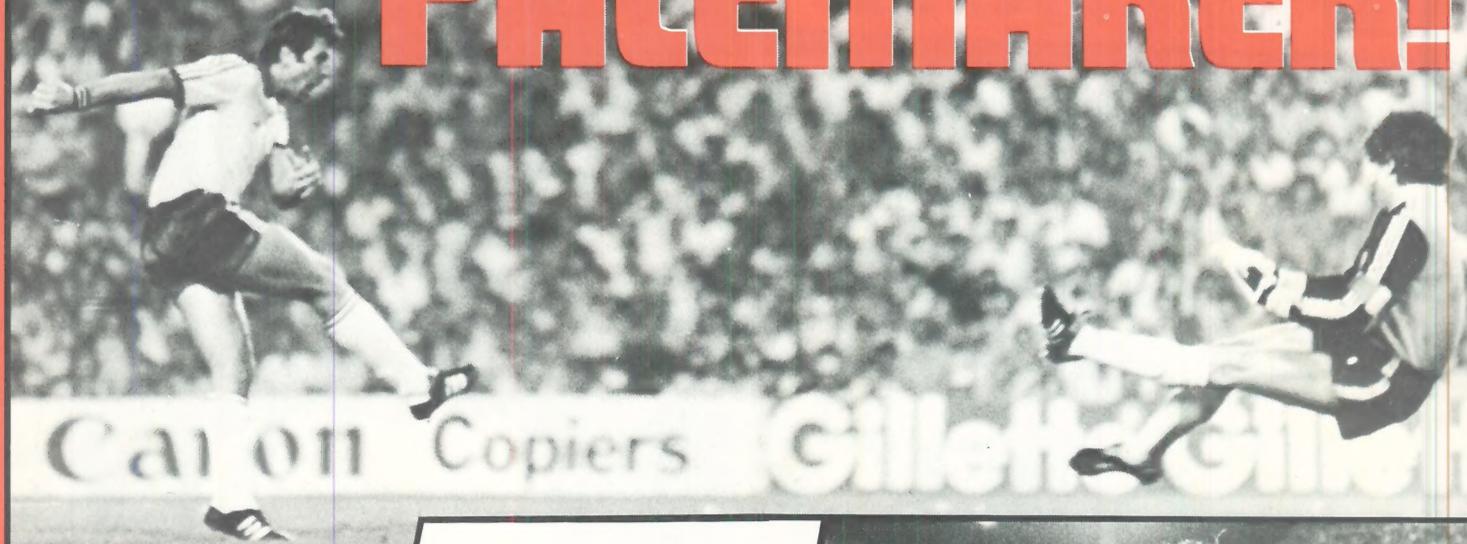
"Far from being downhearted at finishing second in the last two seasons we are determined to make it third time lucky."

"Our supporters are a big help. They don't put pressure on us because they think we've done well to finish second when we don't go in for big transfers and can't rely on the support that Liverpool and Manchester United are promised every week."



*Arnold Muhren — "He had four lovely years at Ipswich and he didn't really want to go, but you can't blame him for accepting United's offer," says Frans.*

# GERRY THE PACEMAKER!



**WATFORD** striker Gerry Armstrong returned home a hero after Northern Ireland's gutsy performances in the World Cup Finals.

Gerry, who couldn't claim a regular place in his club side last season, was one of the star performers as the brave Irish just failed in their bid to reach the Semi-Finals.

He scored three goals — including the shock winner against host nation Spain — as the Irish earned the respect of the World.

"I was very pleased with my performances during our five World Cup games, but our success in the competition was basically due to team-work and a tremendous spirit within the side," says Gerry modestly.

"Obviously I was delighted to finish the tournament with three goals. To score in the World Cup Finals is a tremendous thrill."

Gerry opened his account with a goal against Honduras and closed it in Ireland's last World Cup match against the French. Sandwiched in between was the precious goal against Spain.

"I believe our victory over Spain was the best result in Northern Ireland's history. We'd never beaten them before in six previous meetings and yet we made it count in the most important match."

"We felt as though we were almost alone out there because we were playing in front of 50,000 hostile Spanish fans."

"But we knew that if we could frustrate their attacking ambitions and sneak a goal then we might stand a chance of

*Gerry Armstrong whacks the ball past Spanish goalkeeper Luis Arconada to set up what he describes as 'the best result in Irish history'. Right: It's celebration time as manager Billy Bingham hugs Gerry Armstrong — Northern Ireland's goalscoring hero against Spain.*

winning."

Two minutes after the start of the second half Gerry gave the Irish the lead they needed after a good move between himself and Burnley striker Billy Hamilton.

"I was especially pleased with that goal because I started it myself. Billy did well to put in a cross which their 'keeper kindly pushed out to me. I just hit it first time."

"After that the Spanish got a bit physical and unfortunately the referee wasn't strong enough to cope. He sent off our full-back Mal Donaghy for a silly incident."

Even with ten men, the Irish held on until the final whistle and then the celebrations started in earnest.

"For the Irish, that was the match of the tournament. It was a fabulous result for us because it saw us qualify for the second phase as champions of Group Five."

Gerry is honest enough to admit that Northern Ireland's progress surprised even the players. "We were all determined to go out there and do our best, but we never expected the success we achieved."

"We don't have many outstanding individual players. Some of our lads are good First Division players but we haven't any world class players. Our



strength is our comradeship and commitment.

"Playing in the World Cup Finals was the highlight of my career. It's an experience I'll never forget. Just to be part of the competition was a thrill."

"And I believe our performances in Spain have enhanced our international reputation. We've earned a new respect."

Northern Ireland's campaign ended in a 4-1 defeat against France and Gerry admits he was relieved when it was all over.

"We celebrated after the French game even though we'd lost. We'd enjoyed a lot of success in the competition and we deserved to savour it."

"In many ways we were also relieved because the pressure was off us. It had been building up ever since we'd qualified for the second phase. Once it was off, we could relax and let our hair down."

"At the beginning of last season I set myself a target of helping Northern Ireland qualify for the World Cup Finals and helping Watford into the First Division. It's unbelievable that both my aims were achieved."

Amazingly Gerry was not a first team regular in Watford's promotion winning side. He played just 19 full League games and came on as substitute on nine occasions.

Now he's determined to become a regular in the side and help consolidate his club's newly won status.

"I started last season in the team but then suffered a couple of injuries. While I was out of the reckoning the club did well and there was no way the manager could change the side."

"But I was pleased with my performances last season," said Gerry, who joined Watford from Spurs for £250,000 in November 1980.



Left: Alan Mullery — "If anyone can make us successful again then it's him," says Jim Cannon.

Below: Jim Cannon — "I heard whispers that as skipper I was trying to run the show."



# MULLERY

# THE MESSIAH

... but we should still be a First Division force, says Cannon

ALAN Mullery's appointment to the shakiest seat in football has come two years too late.

That's the opinion of Crystal Palace skipper Jim Cannon who believes the 'Eagles' flight in mediocrity could have been avoided if they had lined up a big name replacement for Terry Venables.

The Palace downfall is one of football's saddest stories. First Division table-stoppers in October 1979, they struggled to hang on to Second Division status for most of last season.

Demise brought down this succession of managers: Ernie Whalley, Malcolm Allison, Dario Gradi and Steve Kember. And it also took its toll on the players.

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It was the result of a number of pressures, not least of which was the decision to extend Steve Kember's period as caretaker manager.

"Don't get me wrong. I have nothing against Steve as a person or as a manager," Jim explains.

"It was the fact that we were continually under a 'caretaker' that got me down. It did not help to breed any stability at the club.

"There was also the business

of the David Swindlehurst transfer which the club pulled out of and with a number of personal problems I decided a change of club would be in my best interests.

"I have been at Palace a long time and last season I heard whispers that as skipper I was trying to run the show. Because of that I was willing to give up the job, but at the same time I enjoy the responsibility of captaincy."

Jim believes Palace would still be a First Division force if Terry Venables had stayed. But at the same time he goes back further to pinpoint the start of the club's problems.

"The whole club has changed over the last five years including the Chairman and Directors.

"It's easy to point your finger at the players and say we didn't do our stuff. That may be so to a

certain extent, but it's very difficult when you play under four different managers as we did in 1980/81.

"The players weren't sure what they were supposed to do and the rot set in. It's unfortunate because it took us a long while to reach the League position we were in and we were quickly on our way back down again.

"Instead of appointing people from within the club we should have made a big name signing to succeed Terry. We needed a completely fresh start."

The player who has suffered most amidst the wind of change at Selhurst Park is Vince Hilaire.

Two years ago he was an England Under-21 team mate of Bryan Robson, Glenn Hoddle and Graham Rix. Their full England caps are a monument to their progress while Vince's career seems to have stood still.

Jim agrees: "Terry Venables knew how Vince ticked and they could communicate. Vince needs to have a little bit of stability and to know just what he's got to do.

"New managers came in and I don't think Vince knew what they wanted from him. And whereas senior players were able to get on with their game, Vince let the problem get on top of him."

When Alan Mullery became their sixth manager in less than two years Jim's first thought was of the tremendous battles between Palace and Mullery's former club Brighton.

"Alan is a battler himself and his track record suggests that if anyone could make us successful again he can. He might have a bit of trouble winning over the fans because of the rivalry between us and Brighton. But if we get promotion they will look on him as a Messiah."



Above: FA Cup delight from Spurs scorer Glenn Hoddle, wearing Gary Waddock's QPR shirt, and striker Steve Archibald. Glenn's second half penalty took the trophy to White Hart Lane for the second year running.

Below: The red favours of Liverpool adorn the impressive League Championship trophy once again. Skipper Graeme Souness, holding the prized silverware, celebrates with his team after the final game of the season at Anfield.

High drama and excitement were top of the bill when it came to last season's major trophies.

Hot-favourites Spurs were forced to an FA Cup Final replay by gutsy QPR from the Second Division and then needed a Glenn Hoddle penalty to scrape home.

Spurs were there again in the League Cup Final, but finally crashed

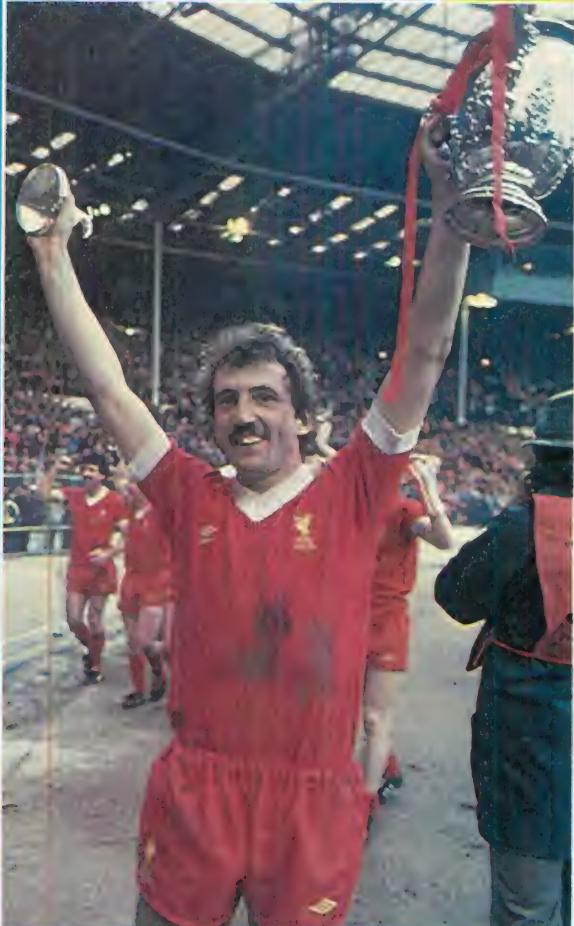
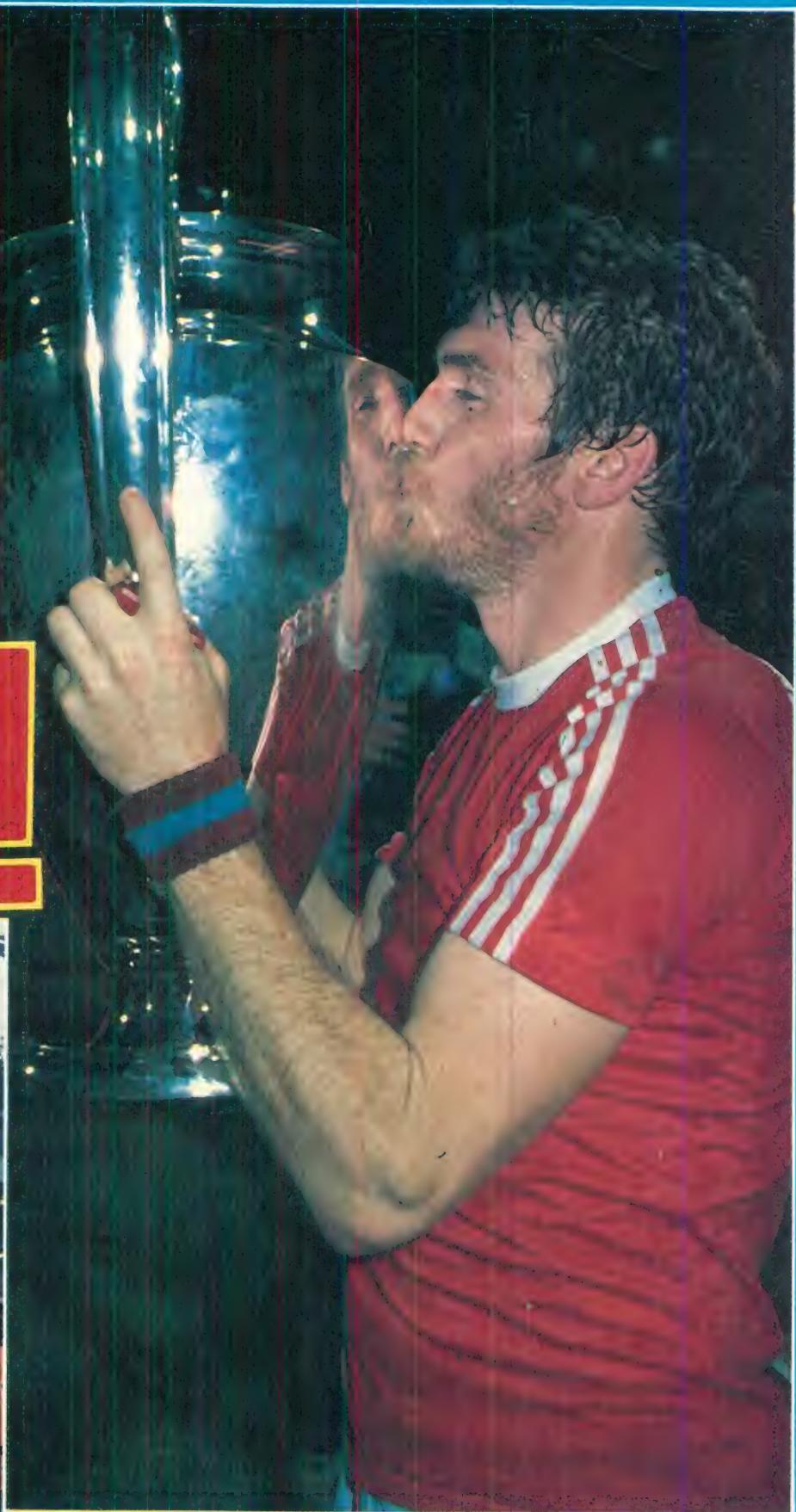
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3-1 to the red-machine from Liverpool in extra time.

In a nail-biting race for the League title Liverpool clinched the Championship with a late, great run. And underdogs Aston Villa capped a truly great season by beating mighty Bayern Munich 1-0 in the European Cup Final.

# WON CUP!



Above: The European Cup gets a real smacker from striker Peter Withe, whose goal was enough to give Aston Villa an historic victory over German champions Bayern Munich in the Rotterdam final.

Left: Liverpool full-back Alan Kennedy is a picture of joy as he hoists the League Cup aloft after the Merseysiders' Wembley victory. The win over Spurs followed their League Cup Final win over West Ham the previous season.

1 CURRIE and ... RICE go together to make a tasty dish!



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2 Two leading soccer nations are ENGLAND and BRAZIL



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# MATCHING PAIRS!

THERE are some great partnerships in football! Complete the sentences and you'll see what we mean.

Correctly fill in each blank with the surname of a soccer personality and all will become clear.

The player photos provide you with clues to the puzzle. Turn to Page 126 for the answers.

3 A famous music hall act at Loftus Road is FLANAGAN and ... ALLEN.



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4 Two Northern towns with great soccer traditions are BOLTON and ...



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5 A golfer is sure to be ... if he loses his ...



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6 When crossing the road, it's definitely better to WALK ... than ...



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SPOTLIGHT on the Northern Ireland youngster who went from being an unknown to an overnight hero ...



Northern Ireland's young starlet Norman Whiteside speeds past Camacho of Spain in his country's shock 1-0 win over the World Cup host nation.

# RECORD-BREAKER

**MANCHESTER** United reserve Norman Whiteside wrote himself into the World Cup history books when he made his Northern Ireland debut against Yugoslavia.

At 17 years 41 days old, he became the youngest player ever to appear in a World Cup Finals and beat the record set in 1958 by the incomparable Pele.

And to mark the occasion, the Brazilian superstar sent the Belfast lad a special message of congratulations. That tape is one of Norman's most prized possessions.

Norman's debut in Spain against the Yugoslavs was one of football's worst kept secrets. There was speculation up to a week before the match that manager Billy Bingham was to give his untried centre-forward a run.

And the youngster showed great maturity beyond his tender years as he helped the Irish to a creditable 0-0 draw in their group Five opener.

"There was a bit of pressure on me before the game, but manager Billy Bingham helped a lot by shielding me from the Press.

"I was very nervous as we lined up for the national anthems — they seemed to take ages. But as soon as the game kicked off and

I'd had my first touch I felt much better.

"I feel tremendously honoured to beat a record set by the one and only Pele, but at the time I didn't really think about it. I was just concerned with playing well."

Norman had made just one full League appearance for Manchester United when Irish manager Billy Bingham included him in the 22 for Spain.

Many people thought he'd only been selected for the ride, but the Irish boss had no hesitation in including him in the Group Five opener against Yugoslavia.

"Before we left for Spain the party trained for a couple of weeks in Brighton, I knocked in a few goals in practice games and was quite pleased with my form," he says.

The first inkling the United starlet had that he figured in the manager's plans came as the team were planning their free kicks just before the first game in Spain.

"The other players in the squad kept telling me I stood a good chance of playing against Yugoslavia, but the first time I realised was when I was included in the free-kick moves."

"Even so I still couldn't believe it when Billy Bingham told me I was playing. It was one of the highlights of my life."

"Everything has happened to me so

quickly that I still can't take it all in. It doesn't seem long ago that I was lying in a hospital bed following a cartilage injury."

Norman's rise to fame has been quite remarkable. He only made his return to the United youth team at the beginning of the year!

"Then my only aim was to get fit again. I still can't believe all this has happened to me."

"Obviously the highlight of it all was making the trip to Spain. It was an unbelievable experience."

"I think the best moment was the night we beat the Spanish to finish top of Group Five. We all thought we had a chance of qualifying but no-one thought we'd finish top of our section."

"After beating the host nation, everyone thought we could go on and reach the last four and we were disappointed following our 2-2 draw against Austria which made things very difficult for us."

Norman, who left for Spain an unknown, returned home to Belfast a hero and now has to get used to his new-found fame.

"I suppose I'm going to have to get used to people stopping me in the street and asking for my autograph. At the moment it's an experience I'm quite enjoying," says Norman.

# KEVIN



## ***Thomas N'Kono — he was a knock-out!***



**Eric Gerets — the perfect full-back.**



**Karl-Heinz Forster — typical German discipline.**

# KEEGANS

## Dynamic Dozen



*Gaetano Scirea — finesse in his play.*

*Right: Maradiaga — marshalled his troops brilliantly.*

Scirea's World Cup career has been a hard one to take. After a 1978 tournament that saw him fail to attack, defend and score, he had to be able to do all three last year. Scirea's goal that year was to be a better player.

Scirea is a natural playmaker, but is also a hard and difficult player to shake off the ball. He can exploit the space in front of him and is adept at dispossessing and disorienting his opponents. He is an excellent player to work against, but he is not the easiest to play with. Scirea's goal last year was to help Italy to victory.

Scirea's goal this year is to help Italy to victory. He is a good player, but his team's defense is not up to scratch. He has to be more efficient and able to score the last few goals.



made him England's outstanding midfield player in the competition.

One would normally consider 'Roldo' as a defensive midfielder but he has certainly developed the attacking side of his game and I wouldn't be surprised to see him among the goals for Manchester United this season.

On the left side of midfield, I've picked a player from the soccer 'backwater' of Honduras — their captain Ramon Maradiaga.

This little man became a real general in midfield and marshalled his troops brilliantly in their clashes with Spain, Yugoslavia and Northern Ireland.

The fact that just one more



# KEVIN KEEGAN'S

## Dynamic Dozen

goal in their favour would have put them into the Second Round instead of Spain is testimony to the way he and his team played!

Maradaga plays a deep role in midfield, knowing when to put his foot on the ball and when to release players going forward. In Germany they would call him the 'spielmaker' — the playmaker. Together with Falcao, Platini and Robson he would bring the perfect balance to my midfield.

Choosing the strikers was even more difficult than picking the midfield men and in the end I have decided on three — making a total squad of twelve. Although I can only play two strikers in my system, I just cannot separate Poland's Zbigniew Boniek, Italy's Paolo Rossi and Argentina's Diego Maradona.

The red-haired Boniek is one of a rare breed of players who can turn an average ball into a great one and a half-chance into a goal. He possesses that indefinable quality that turns a very good player into a great



Michel Platini — loves to attack.



one.

Poland rely so much on him and had he not been suspended for the Semi-Final with Italy, then I believe Poland would have been playing in the Final against West Germany.

Playing with Boniek at Juventus this season will be Paolo Rossi, the darling of the Italian fans following his six goals during the Finals. With Platini in the same team, Juventus will surely make their mark on Europe this season. Along with the rest of the Italian team, Rossi made an unimpressive start to the competition. But when he did find his form, he looked a real gem — turning defenders in tight situations and stealing half-a-yard on his marker at the crucial time.

Most important, he has the knack of getting on the end of balls played into the box. His goal in the Final — Italy's first — was typical. He could hardly have seen the ball as it came skidding and bouncing past



Above: Zbigniew Boniek — one of a rare breed of players.

Left: Diego Maradona — incredible skill.

two players but he put his head down bravely to beat everyone to it — a great goal in my book.

He also showed in the game against Brazil that he can miss chances and not let it upset him. An easy opportunity went begging in that match but he still put three away. It is inevitable that strikers will miss chances, but it is important that it doesn't put them off.

The last of my dynamic dozen is Diego Maradona who, although a disappointment in most people's eyes, still excited me with his incredible skill.

People expected too much of him in his first World Cup Finals and were too hard on him when he didn't produce miracles right from the start.

It wasn't easy for him. He played in an Argentinian side that didn't fulfill its potential and he never really came to terms with man-to-man marking.

His move to Barcelona will help him because it will teach him to cope with that sort of marking and hopefully to control the temperament that led to him being sent off against Brazil.

Perhaps he never lived up to his top billing in Spain, but he still did enough to get into my team.



Right: Junior — simply brilliant.

# GO FOR FLAIR, ENGLAND

says

## TREVOR BROOKING

**TREVOR** Brooking has spoken of the need for more individual flair in the England side.

The elegant West Ham midfielder — a great ambassador for English football over the years — says:

"I believe we should work on bringing a few more individuals into the side.

"You need players that can go past people and set up the goal chances.

"But we've got to add that flair without losing any of our defensive solidity."

Trevor's words were spurred by England's failure to score goals in the Second Round of the World Cup Finals.

### Unbowed

Whilst Ron Greenwood's men returned home unbeaten and unbowed, goalless draws against West Germany and hosts Spain just weren't enough to take them through to the Semi-Finals. And Trevor says:

"Obviously we were all desperately disappointed that we couldn't score the goals we needed because, following the shock exit of Brazil, we all thought we'd got a good chance of going all the way.

"We came home with a good record. Six months before the Finals started, people wouldn't have believed that we'd return home unbeaten.

"But the skill and attacking part of our game does concern me. The first phase went very well for us but then the goals dried up.

"The difference between ourselves and the teams that did go through is that they scored the goals when they mattered."

For Trevor personally, it was a case of a World Cup dream that promised so much but produced so little.

Trevor played a major part as England built up a winning run prior to the tournament Finals and was tipped to become one of the stars in Spain.

In the end, his World Cup dream lasted just 20 minutes. He picked up a groin injury before the team flew out to Bilbao and he wasn't fit until England's last game in Spain.

"It was a major disappointment for me. It's every player's dream to play in a World Cup Finals.

"But at least I've done it — even though it was for such a short spell," says Trevor, who replaced Arsenal's Graham Rix during the 0-0 draw with the host nation.

"You accept injuries as being part and parcel of a footballer's life and I can't really complain that much. Throughout my career, I've managed to avoid any serious problems."

Trevor first felt the groin injury during England's 1-0 win over Scotland at Hampden Park and was troubled by it in the following game in Finland.

"I had an injection before the squad left for Spain but unfortunately it didn't reach the right spot so I had to have another couple of injections when we arrived.

"I knew I had no chance of playing in any of our opening games so I just kept my fingers crossed that the lads would make it to the second phase.

"Even then, I knew I'd face a difficult job getting back into the team because the lads were doing so well."

Trevor wasn't England's only



**Trevor Brooking — "I believe England should work on bringing a few more individuals into the side."**

injury worry out in Spain.

His room-mate and England skipper Kevin Keegan missed just as much of the Finals with a troublesome back injury.

"In many ways, it helped being in the same room as Kevin. We were able to console each other.

"It would have been much more difficult if I'd been in the same room as one of the lads who were playing," says Trevor.

### Debuts

Kevin and Trevor made their debuts in the Finals at the same moment — the Southampton superstar and 'Match' columnist coming on for Trevor Francis.

"It was a difficult time for us to come on because the longer the game went on, the more anxious

we became.

"It would have been great if we could have scored an early goal.

"I felt fine though. I was short of match practice, but it didn't really show because the game was being played at a slower pace because of the heat."

Like many of the England old guard, Trevor's international future hung in the balance following the Finals — especially with the arrival of a new England manager in Bobby Robson.

"I realised that the new manager would have his own ideas and would possibly bring in new faces. I'm 33 and I realise time isn't on my side.

"But with important European Championship games to play, I couldn't see him making sweeping changes."

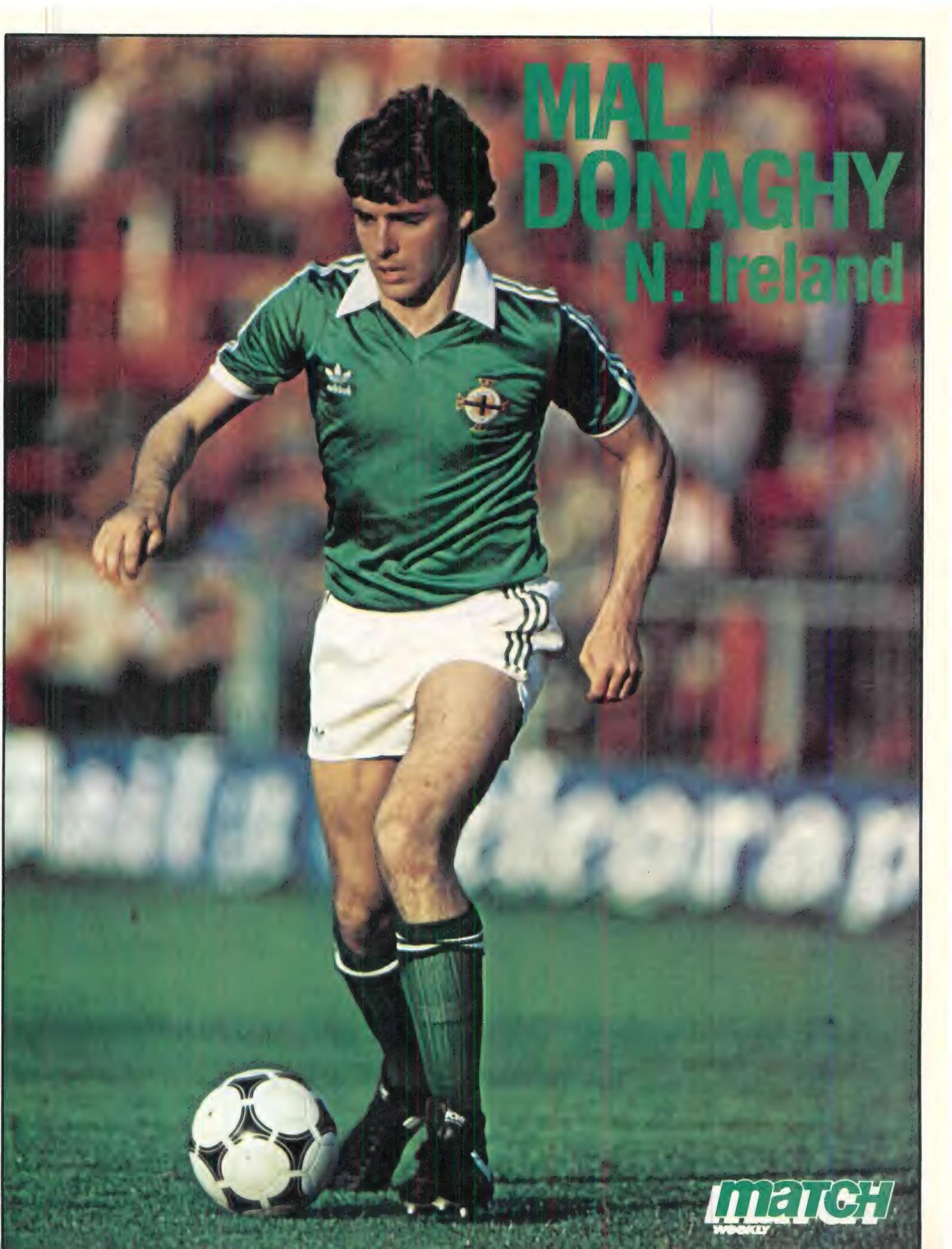
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WEEKLY



**STEVE COPPELL**

**MANCHESTER UTD  
AND ENGLAND**



# MAL DONAGHY N. Ireland

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**TOP:** One for the family album as Eric lines up with wife Ruth, son Martyn . . . and 'Big Al', the giant teddy bear.

**RIGHT:** Eric, as Ipswich fans normally see him, in exciting action at Portman Road. And below, with the UEFA Cup winners' medal, which he collected in 1981 when Ipswich defeated AZ Alkmaar in the Final.

**A FASCINATING**  
picture special on  
one of the game's  
top stars as you've  
never seen him  
before.

**Ipswich and  
England's Eric  
Gates allows you an  
insight into his  
private world —  
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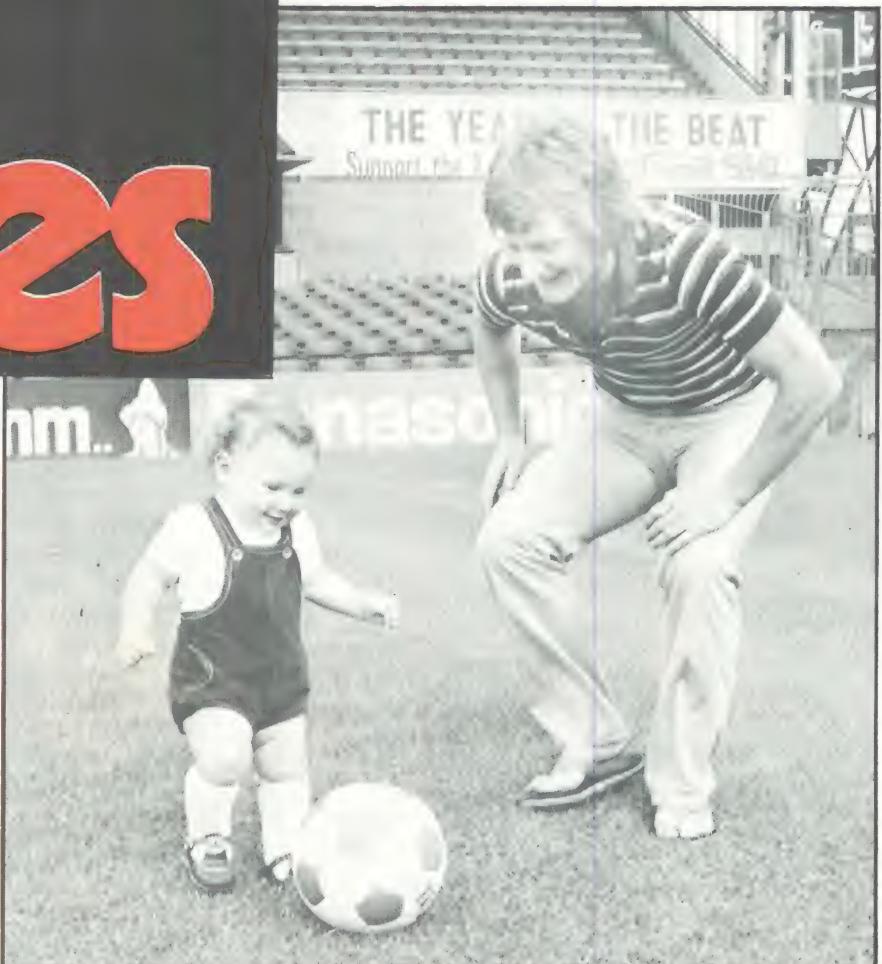


# THE OTHER WORLD OF Eric Gates

**TOP LEFT:** Little Martyn is only one, but he's already discovered that 'Match Weekly' is the top football magazine! He's certainly taking a keen interest as dad enjoys a read on the living room carpet.

**TOP RIGHT:** Eric gets into the swing of things with a spot of golf practice in the back garden of his Ipswich home.

**RIGHT:** An Ipswich star in the making? The ball might be a little big for him now, but just look at the balance as Martyn takes to the Portman Road turf, eagerly watched by his famous father.



● Turn to page 94 for another picture special of a soccer star at home — Kevin Keegan shares the limelight with his family ...

THE League Championship went to Anfield for a record 13th time last season. Here Graeme Souness — a Match columnist and the Liverpool skipper — relives his club's extraordinary season . . .

# JUST

LIVERPOOL'S Championship challenge couldn't have got off to a worse start.

Our first game of the season saw us beaten 1-0 at Molineux by Wolves and a couple of days later a Phil Neal penalty helped us to a 1-1 draw against my old club Middlesbrough at Anfield.

It's ironic to think that both those sides were eventually relegated while we went on to take the First Division title.

But the Championship was far from our minds in those early days. We had problems of our own following a couple of changes in the Anfield personnel.

Goalkeeper Ray Clemence, who'd almost become an institution in his 14 years at Liverpool, shocked the football world when he turned his back on

Anfield and travelled to Tottenham. You knew it would only be a matter of time before Bruce Grobbelaar became No 1.

And players like Mark Lawrenson (£900,000 buy from Birmingham) and mid-fielder Steve Archibald (£100,000) packing the world-class group of players from pieces.

## Blasted as 'playboys'

But it was after a 3-0 defeat to a bunch of fellow-champions Tottenham at Portman Road that people began to think we were finished.



# CHAMPION

by  
**Graeme Souness**

locked by course to retain the European and League Cups.

Just before Christmas we travelled to Tbilisi for the World Club Championship against Brazilian Fluminense. They really caught us napping and hammered us 3-0.

"I'm not making excuses when I say that we just weren't prepared for that game. You need at least two weeks' preparation for a match like that—Division had two days."

While we were out there my Liverpool team-mate Kenny Dalglish and I didn't get more than a couple of hours sleep in all. Our bodies were so disorientated we kept walking thinking it was time to eat.

The next time I enjoyed the trip and I was elated when we landed home after a 17-hour journey from Japan.

## Liverpool are back!

However just around the corner was the burning point in our season and it came in a 3-1 home defeat by Manchester City on Boxing Day.

Paul Hartson, Kevin Keegan (penalty) and Kevin Beattie got the goal that sent us to 12th place in the First Division—an unthinkable position for a Division 1 team.

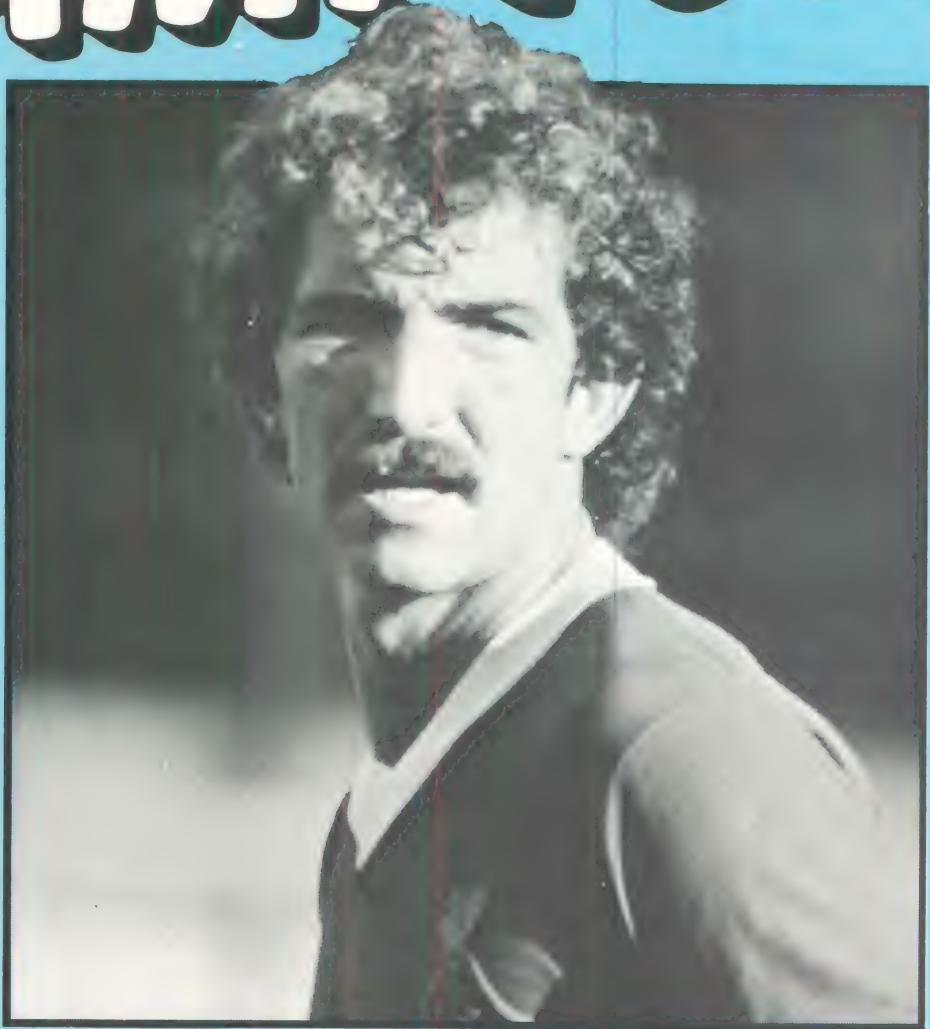
But that result brought us in our sights. Although we couldn't have been lower than we were in the league which followed we decided it was a good starting and circling our hilt. It was time to show our mettle.

And in the next five games we picked up maximum points and conceded just one goal. The clients 'Liverpool are back' were just being heard again.

It was the New Year that I picked up an unexpected honour—manager Bill Shankly made me skipper of the side. He felt that the job was affecting Phil Thompson's performance and that a change was needed.

Apart from my school side I'd never

left Liverpool to hold the League Championship trophy after we'd beaten the rest following a 1-0 win over Aston



captained a side so it was quite a surprise when the manager asked me to lead the lads out.

Our League Cup defence was still going great and we'd already beaten Ipswich 2-0 in the first leg of our Semi-Final when we met disaster in the second round of the FA Cup against Chelsea at Stamford Bridge.

We were feeling pretty confident about beating the Second Division side because we'd already put out John Toshack's Swans 4-0 in the previous round.

But our overconfidence proved to be our undoing and we became one of the scalp of the season's FA Cup competition.

Defeat by John Neal's side was the lowest point of my career. Our performance was the most unprofessional I'd ever witnessed from a Liverpool side since I joined them.

We knew that Chelsea would come at us for the first 20 minutes but we just didn't cope and let Peter Rhoades-Brown score an early goal. We never recovered from that blow.

It was so disappointing because we'd played well before that game and built

up a sequence of 11 games without defeat.

While we were still recovering from that awful setback we had to play Bulgarians CSKA Sofia in the quarter-final of the European Cup.

We'd met them the season before at the same stage in the competition and had gone through 6-1 on aggregate. I have special cause to remember that game because I hit a hat-trick in the 5-1 win at home.

But we didn't really do the business in the first leg at Anfield and had to fly to the Iron Curtain country with just a 1-0 lead thanks to a Ronnie Whelan special.

It just wasn't enough and we were beaten 2-0 in an atrocious game in Sofia, refereed by the worst official I've ever played under.

He was so inconsistent it just wasn't true. If we'd have won 5-0 and gone through to the last four I'd have said the same thing.

Losing our grip on the European Cup was a real blow. We took tremendous pride in our record in the tournament and to go out like that was sickening.

● *Continued on page 22*



# JUST CHAMPION

by Graeme Souness

*Left: Liverpool's two goal hero Ronnie Whelan with the League Cup following our Wembley win over Spurs.*

*Right: Midfield powerhouse Sammy Lee — one of the youngsters who established himself in the Liverpool side last season.*

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But we did have some consolation in retaining the League Cup at Wembley when we beat FA Cup winners Spurs 3-1 thanks to goals from Ronnie Whelan (2) and Ian Rush.

Holding the League Cup aloft at Wembley was the highlight of my career. I'll never forget that moment when I turned to show the trophy to the fans.

## Full ahead for the title

It was also extra special to me because I missed Liverpool's last League Cup victory over West Ham the season before through injury. It was good to play in this one and pick up a medal.

After winning the League Cup and going out of the European Cup we only had one thing to aim for — the League Championship. That was our next goal.

And we made sure of the Championship in the best possible way — winning 13 of our last 16 games and drawing the other three.

The Championship was finally ours following our last home game of the season against Spurs. Although they opened the scoring through Glenn Hoddle there was no way we were going to be denied and we answered back through Mark Lawrenson, Kenny Dalglish and Ronnie Whelan.

I've got to admit that winning the Championship seemed a million miles away from our dressing room following the 3-1 defeat by Manchester City. At that time the most I had hoped for was an appearance in a cup final.

It was a funny season because as well as having some glorious times there were some desperately disappointing moments as well. Losing out in the FA and European Cups really hit us hard.

A lot of the credit for our success last season must go to the newcomers who came into the team. Bruce Grobbelaar came in for a lot of stick from the critics and suffered in the early stages.

But he showed his true character and grit and has proved what a tremendous keeper he is.

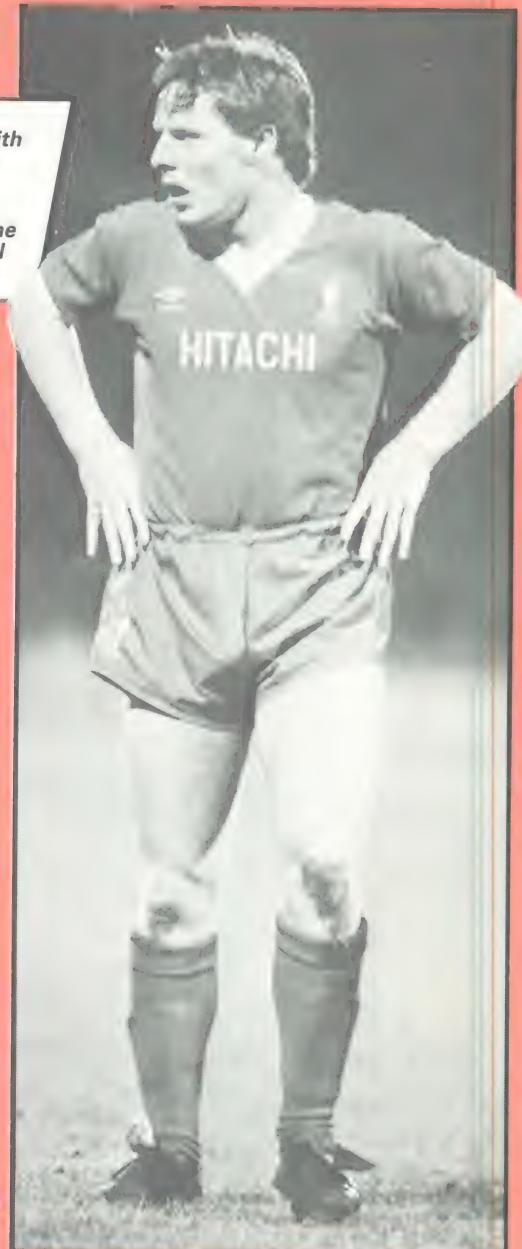
The fact that manager Bob Paisley decided he could allow Ray Kennedy leave Anfield gives you some idea of how highly Ronnie Whelan is rated.

I regarded Ray as the best left-sided midfield player in the country but Ronnie slipped easily into his position and popped up with some crucial goals.

If the Eire international maintains his present attitude I believe he'll become one of the all time greats of British football.

There was also Welsh international Ian Rush up front. He combined ever so well with Kenny Dalglish and finished second in the First Division scoring charts with 17 goals — and none of those were penalties!

With newcomers like Bruce, Ronnie and Ian I believe Liverpool have a stronger squad now than when we started last season. But I know the backroom boys won't be resting on their laurels. They'll be looking to improve on what's already here.



A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Graeme Souness'.

# D A N G E R

**McClelland  
feels a  
World  
Cup  
backlash**

THE ACCLAIM that greeted Northern Ireland's magnificent performance in the World Cup Finals is still ringing in the ears of John McClelland, the central defender who became a giant of courage and class in the heart of his country's defence.

And that is what worries him! The 26-year-old Rangers player believes the glories of Spain could produce a backlash that may affect the men who gave Irish football its finest hour.

"We're all in danger of trying to live off the events of last summer when what we should be doing is looking ahead," says John.

"I know I've got to put the World Cup behind me. It's no good trying to live off things you have done in the past. That's the quickest way of getting a kick up the backside.

"It's a sure way of going downhill and the danger is that performances at club level will suffer. The World Cup was a fabulous experience but I know that I must put it to the back of my mind and concentrate on playing well for Rangers. I've got to work as hard to avoid any complacency."

It's a down-to-earth attitude from a player who has learned to take nothing for granted in a career that came to life after a hard apprenticeship in the Third and Fourth Divisions.

John spent time with Portadown, Cardiff and Bangor — in that order — before going on to make 133 League and cup appearances for Mansfield Town.

## Baptism

In three seasons at Field Mill, two in the Third Division and one in the Fourth, he caught the eye of a number of clubs from higher divisions.

But it was Rangers who eventually came in with a positive offer to take him north for £90,000.

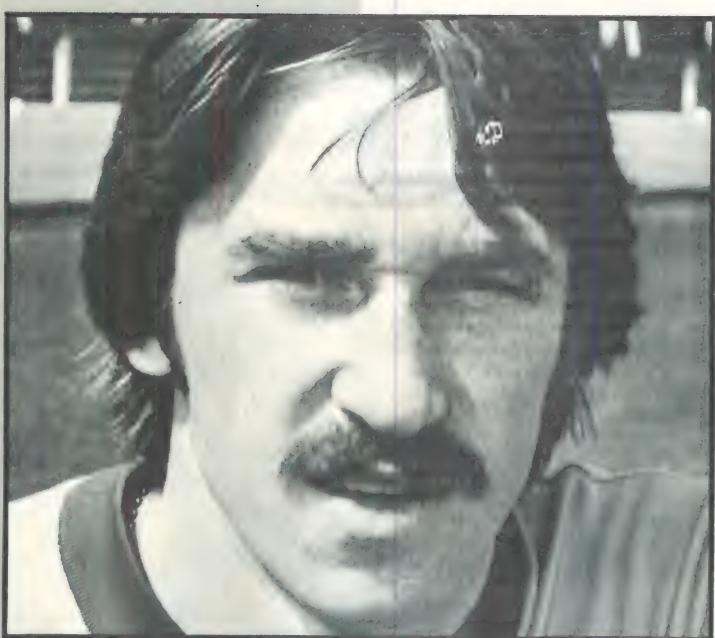
His baptism into Scottish League football was to be delayed however. A twisted ankle in a pre-season tour put him out for six weeks and only a few weeks after his recovery a training accident left his foot facing the wrong way round! His dislocated ankle and strained ligaments took four months to mend.

It was a frustrating time, but John didn't regret his decision. "Rangers showed faith in me when they bought me and they kept faith during my lay-off," he recalls. "I was treated well and I couldn't have asked for more at the time of the second injury.

"At 10.30am I was laying on the training ground with a dislocated ankle. At 2.30pm I was having an operation!

"I liked the atmosphere at the club from the beginning. It's a friendly squad and they all mix freely — from the newest apprentice to the most experienced professional."

"Once I was fit I adjusted to the playing side of things quite well. Naturally there is a difference between playing for Mansfield



**John McClelland — "We are all in danger of trying to live off the events of last summer."**

and playing in the Scottish Premier Division, but I soon got used to playing in a higher standard.

"One of the factors that made it easier for me was that I had already been capped eight times by Ireland and playing with class players from the higher divisions wasn't exactly new to me.

"And another big help was that I joined Rangers in the close season, giving me a chance to train with them and get to know everyone.

"The real difference in playing levels is that there are more players with individual ability at this standard, players with the ability to change a game.

"For instance, Rangers have seven or eight players who on their day could run the game. With respect to teams in the Third and Fourth Divisions, their game is more about teamwork than individuals."

John's long wait for first team football ended in March when, after a run in the reserves, he was called up to replace the injured Colin McAdam at centre-half in a mid-week game at Morton.

Having resigned himself to spending the last six weeks of the season in the reserves, John was naturally delighted.

He never missed a game to the end of the season and had a good Cup Final against Aberdeen, despite Rangers' 4-1 defeat. But he couldn't have foreseen the fairytale storyline that was to follow.

"I had already accepted that I would have to wait for the start of the next season to challenge for a first team place," admits John. "And, of course, if I had done it would certainly have spoiled my chances of getting into the Northern Ireland World Cup squad.

"In any case, Southampton's Chris Nicholl and Leicester City's John O'Neill had been the mainstay of defence up to then so I had no reason to be

optimistic.

"As it turned out I played in all five matches in Spain and the whole thing was an incredibly enjoyable experience.

"Because we went there as no-hoppers we were able to relax and enjoy ourselves more than some of the more fancied sides. In between matches we were able to take everything in and that was a real bonus.

"It all stemmed from the results, of course. Every time we turned a corner it seemed there was a bigger mountain to climb, but we just got on and did it.

"I think the highlight for me will always be the 1-0 victory over Spain that put us into the Second Round. I remember looking up at the scoreboard when Gerry Armstrong put us in front two minutes into the second half and thinking 'we've scored too early'.

"Mal Donaghy was sent off for a trivial matter shortly afterwards and we were left to battle against the hostile crowd, the cynical Spanish players and the weak referee.

"It was all very emotional. The few thousand Irish fans in the stadium were magnificent and the players, with their backs to the wall, pulled together to hold on until the final whistle.

"It was a great moment for all of us. I was reminded by some Scottish Press men that I was the only Scottish League player left in Spain after the departure of Jock Stein's men. They said they didn't have anyone else to write about!

"The teams I will remember best from the World Cup are France, who knocked us out, Brazil and Italy, who went over all the hurdles to become World Champions.

"I was disappointed that France didn't go all the way. They played some great stuff in beating us 4-1 and with a little more discipline they could have beaten West Germany in the Semi-Finals."

# PETER FOX

## Stoke City





**KENNY SWAIN** Aston Villa

# WHERE WERE YOU, UNITED?

ENGLISH clubs have missed out on the chance of buying one of the biggest stars of the World Cup Finals.

Poland's fiery skipper Zbigniew Boniek has been snapped up by Italian giants Juventus even though he wanted to play in the English First Division.

The midfield maestro admitted after signing for £1m: "I would have loved to have played for

## 'I WANTED TO PLAY AT OLD TRAFFORD' SAYS BONIEK

Manchester United, Liverpool, Tottenham or any of the top clubs.

"But none of the English clubs seemed interested in me," said Boniek, who scored a hat-trick

for his country against the highly-rated Belgians in the World Cup finals.

Under Polish Football Association rules, no player under the age of 29 can leave the country and play for a foreign club. However, such is the respect that his country has for him, Boniek was allowed to leave two years early.

"Perhaps English clubs were put off from buying me because of that law," said Boniek, who became the most expensive player ever to come out of an Iron Curtain country.

The club which Boniek really wanted to play for was Manchester United, he said: "Outside Poland, they are my favourite club.

"I fell in love with their ground when I played against them for Widzew Lodz. Old Trafford is the best stadium I have ever played in.

Boniek and his team-mates helped wreck United's UEFA Cup dreams in 1980-81 when they knocked the Manchester team out of the competition in the First Round.

"I admire English football very much. Your game is stronger and the proof of that is the fact that English clubs have won the European Cup for the last six years.

"A spell in the First Division could have made me a better player.

"Juventus made me a good offer and, while joining them will in no way harm my career, I'd have come to the right English club for less money."

Boniek has suffered from a 'bad boy' image over the past few years. In 1979 he was banned for four international matches after fighting with a reporter and later incurred a six-month suspension for leading a revolt by national players.

But the star insists: "I'm not

the person I'm made out to be. It's an exaggeration to say I'm unruly.

"I just get myself involved in a game. I'm fully committed but I'm not a difficult player to handle."

Whatever his reputation, the talented Pole proved to be one of the stars of World Cup Finals and his performances even overshadowed those of Argentinian 'wonder boy' Diego Maradona.

With Maradona costing Barcelona a cool £4m, Spanish newspapers asked: "If Maradona is worth that, then how much is Boniek worth?"

Boniek fights shy of such comparisons and says: "Maradona is still the best player in the World for me.

"There was a lot of pressure on him during the World Cup Finals, but I think the Spanish fans will see the best of him this season."

Although classified as a mid-fielder, Boniek loves to move forward at every opportunity and join the attack. It's a ploy that's seen him net a hatful of international goals.

Born in Bydgoszcz, Boniek first played for his local Zawisza before moving to Widzew Lodz.

He burst onto the World scene during the 1978 World Cup Finals and has been a vital member of the Polish team since.

Now he's the man Juventus have entrusted to replace former Arsenal mid-field genius Liam Brady in their star-studded side.



Left: Polish skipper Boniek — he wanted to be lining up for an English club this season.

Right: Eire mid-field genius Liam Brady — he's been replaced by Boniek in the Juventus line-up.



THE 'Match' photographer brings you a glimpse of what the stars get up to when they are not playing football.



*Above: No chance of Tony Currie being left up the creek without a paddle! The stylish QPR midfielder shows he's as good on water as he is on grass.*

*Left: Manchester United full-back Arthur Albiston enjoys nothing better than tackling a game of tennis — it's one game where he doesn't mind his opponent finding the net!*

*Right: Brushing up on his painting skills, Liverpool and England defender Phil Neal proves he's not just an artist with the ball.*

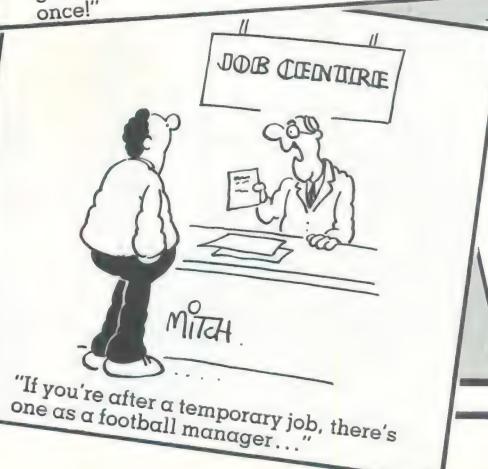
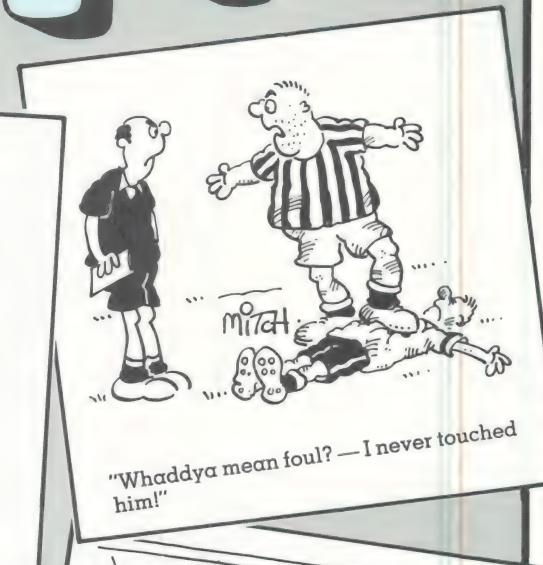
*Below: Aston Villa striker Gary Shaw is no one-club man — he's got a full set! When he's not driving home the goals Gary likes nothing better than putting his best foot forward on the golf course.*



AWAY  
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# LAUGH WITH

**Kenny Swain, full-back for European Cup winners Aston Villa had a good chuckle before he picked these jokes for our 'Match' annual.**

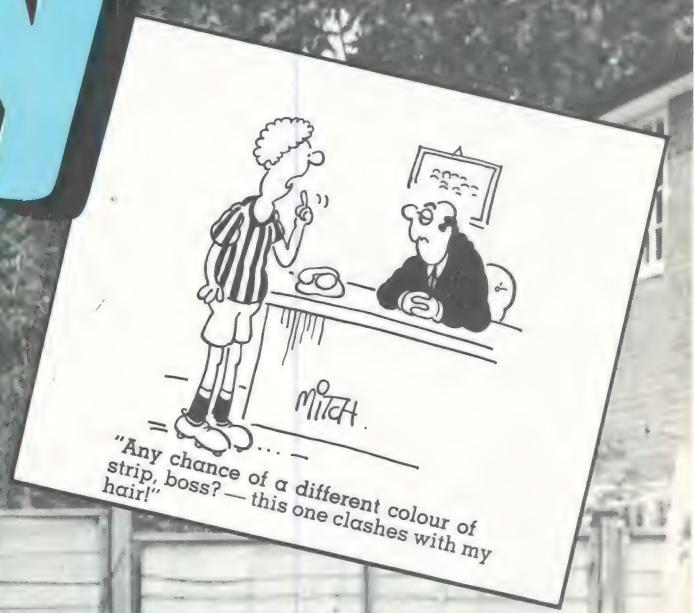
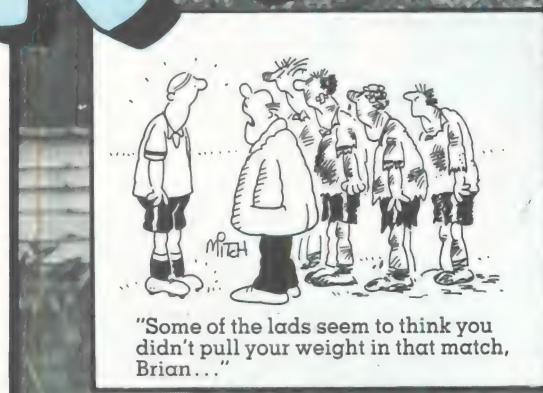


"I just thought it would be a nice change from a whistle . . ."

"If you're after a temporary job, there's one as a football manager..."

"Guess what, Ma? — I've been voted 'hooligan of the match'!"

# KENNY

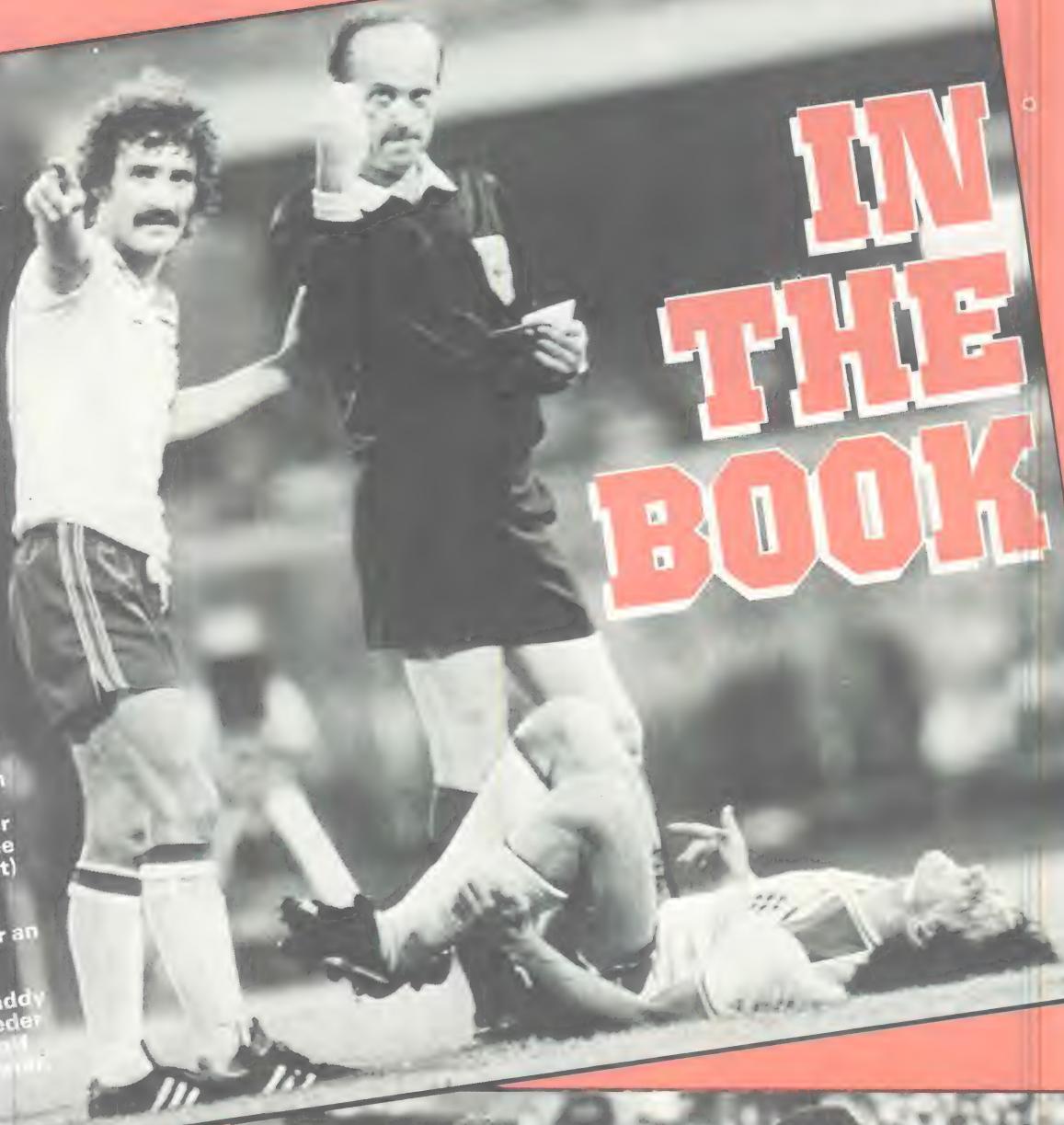


"THAT'S him, referee!" Terry McDermott points out the culprit as Terry's England international team-mate Paul Mariner writhes on the Wembley turf, the victim of a Hungarian foul.

The book also comes out for Garth Crooks of Tottenham (below, left). Garth's crime was a foul in last season's FA Cup Final against Queen's Park Rangers.

And though QPR skipper Glenn Roeder doesn't agree (below, right) it's another foul and a booking for an offence against Luton's Raddy Antic. Roeder was sent off.

# IN THE BOOK



The balloons go up for the start of the 1982 World Cup Finals in Barcelona's Nou Camp stadium. Right: We are the champions! The delighted Italian team set off on their victory lap around the Bernabeu stadium — Altobelli holding the prized trophy.



# THE WORLD CUP STORY

**ITALY** rule the soccer world for the first time since 1938.

They may not be the most popular of world champions, carrying as they do the legacy of years of negative and cautious attitudes within their League framework.

But as the World Cup Finals reached its pinnacle after a month-long extravaganza, there was no disputing that they were worthy successors to Argentina.

They were discarded after an uninspiring show in the first phase, but they gradually gained respect and confidence as the Finals progressed, felling

favourites like Brazil, Argentina and West Germany on the way.

They were highly efficient in every department, smothered rival skill with their defensive web, and in players like Paolo Rossi and Bruno Conti, had the enterprise and technique to open the way to manager Enzo Bearzot's greatest achievement.

In a championship that was monopolised in the end by European teams, Italy had all the answers in the final reckoning to end West Germany's hopes of their second victory in three tournaments.

It was a record-breaking World Cup with 52 matches

played in 14 different cities throughout Spain, and third world countries like Algeria, Cameroon, Honduras and El Salvador used the bigger stage to illuminate the progress made in those soccer backwaters.

There was the fastest-ever goal in a World Cup Finals, scored after just 27 seconds against France by England's Bryan Robson.

And from these shores also came the youngest-ever player in Northern Ireland's Norman Whiteside at 17 years 41 days, this lowering the record held by the legendary Pele.

And in the end, we had the oldest winning captain

when Italy's 40-year-old goalkeeper Dino Zoff lifted the gleaming gold trophy.

There have been more exciting World Cup tournaments for flair, pulsating football and breathtaking goals.

But memories of the Brazilian magic, the pride and passion displayed by England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, the positive approach from a re-emerging France and the less complicated attitude from the lesser nations will linger on.

But in the end the World Cup belonged to Italy . . .

● Over the next 18 pages, we tell the whole story of the 1982 Finals.



**TOP:** Super start for the Scots! Kenny Dalglish (on ground) squeezes the ball past New Zealand 'keeper Van Hattum after 19 minutes as Gordon Strachan (right) looks on. Scotland won 5-2 but in the end it wasn't enough.

**ABOVE:** Argentinian wonder boy Diego Maradona on the ball against Belgium in the World Cup opener, but he didn't have a tournament to remember and the former holders lost this match 1-0.

**LEFT:** Oh yes England! Ron Greenwood's men celebrate Bryan Robson's record breaking goal against France — scored after just 27 seconds. England won 3-1.

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## FIRST ROUND

COULD England continue their winning sequence when it mattered?

Were Scotland up to the challenge of the most difficult First Round group?

Would stars like Maradona and Boniek live up to their pre-tournament reputations?

How would the little countries like Algeria fare?

These were the questions as the World Cup Finals kicked off and this colour picture special tells the story.



ABOVE: Poland's midfield star Zbigniew Boniek leaves Cameroon's Jean Pierre Tokoto trailing in his wake. The Juventus star however failed to break down the opposition's resistance and the game finished 0-0. It was in the next phase that Boniek was to come good and against Belgium in Poland's first match of round two he scored a superb hat-trick as his team won 3-0.

LEFT: The chase is on for Austria's Roland Hattenberger (right) as he bids to stop Algeria's Djamel Zidane. Austria went on to win the match 2-0 with goals from Schachner and Krankl, but Algeria will long be remembered for their shock 2-1 win over West Germany in their first match.



# THE WORLD CUP STORY SPAIN '82

## GROUP ONE

ITALY POLAND  
PERU CAMEROON

PIPE-SMOKING Italian manager Enzo Bearzot could be accused of producing an arch 'con-trick' en route to the Madrid finale.

Whether by design or otherwise, Italy lulled everyone into a false sense of security in the early stages.

They were dull, unimaginative, and totally negative in their attitude, and at that stage Madrid seemed a million miles away.

Yet they made the Final without having managed a win in the First Round, during which they came close to a retreat in disgrace.

They needed a point from their final group match against the rank outsiders from Cameroon, but in the end spent 39 minutes on a tightrope after the Africans, requiring an outright victory, snatched a dramatic equaliser through M'Bida.

But Italy's experience saw them through, and, as the story unfolds, they accelerated into greater heights of skill and enterprise.

So the unknowns from Cameroon, who provided the fans with a surprising array of talent and organisation, bowed out with an unbeaten record, simply because they



Cameroon's Emmanuel Kunde (left) moves in to challenge Italy's Paolo Rossi during the 1-1 draw in Vigo. It was enough to send Italy through to the Second Round.

Right: Poland's Grzegorz Lato gets close attention from Cameroon's Ibrahim Aoudou during their 0-0 draw in La Coruna.



Cameroon goalkeeper Thomas N'Kono — overnight fame in the World Cup Finals.

## THE ITALIAN 'CON-TRICK'

managed just one goal in three matches to Italy's two.

Names like goalkeeper Thomas N'Kono and French-based striker Roger Milla became familiar as Cameroon did themselves proud in their first World Cup Finals appearance.

The tone for this Group was set in the opening two matches, which failed to produce one goal and any degree of excitement.

Poland, after tame goalless affairs with Italy and Cameroon, finally slipped the leash against Peru in their final match, piling up five goals within the space of 19 second-half minutes to guarantee top spot in the Group.

For Peru it was the end to a disappointing World Cup showing after emerging as the surprise packet in Argentina four years earlier.

On this occasion, players like Cubillas and Oblitas were only pale shadows of the technicians who embarrassed the likes of Scotland in 1978.

So Poland and Italy advanced, with the only significant milestone being the 100th international appearance for Italy goalkeeper Dino Zoff in the opening game.

And for Paolo Rossi, struggling in the opening stages to remove the rustiness of two years' suspension, a warning from Bearzot: "He must do better."

And he was to heed those words in no uncertain manner.



# GERMANS JOLTED!

But Algeria wave goodbye

## GROUP TWO

WEST GERMANY  
AUSTRIA CHILE  
ALGERIA

THERE has always been a feeling that West Germany mellow and ripen as major tournaments unravel.

And this was further demonstrated in Spain where they emerged from the acute embarrassment of defeat at the hands of tiny Algeria to figure in the final reckoning in Madrid.

There were a few splutters on the way in the disciplined and ultra-organised German approach, but they always gave the impression that they would be somewhere near at the death.

For Algeria, after creating one of the biggest World Cup shocks with their 2-1 victory in Gijon, they were simply left with hollow accusations that the Germans and Austria "fixed" the final match to proceed into the next stage.

Germany had to win the match to qualify, while Austria had to avoid more than a two-goal defeat to go through.

In the end Germany settled for Horst Hrubesch's eleventh minute goal, showing no apparent desire to improve on that during the next 79 minutes.

So Algeria, bitter at the outcome and the manner in which it was achieved, flew home disgusted after their appeal fell on deaf ears among FIFA representatives.

But, like African neighbours Cameroon, they provided further evidence that football in the Third World is showing a vast improvement in the skills and organisation.

They fell to an Austrian one-two from Walter Schachner and Hans Krankl, but shaded Chile after seeing two of their three first half goals pegged back in the second.

For the disappointing Chileans, that brief second-half rally was the only crumb of comfort for their toil. Schachner scored the only goal against them for Austria, while Germany skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge underlined his world class status with a hat-trick in a 4-1 victory.

That emphatic success, coming after the Algerian fiasco, enabled Germany to top the section on goal difference, with three teams all bracketed on four points.

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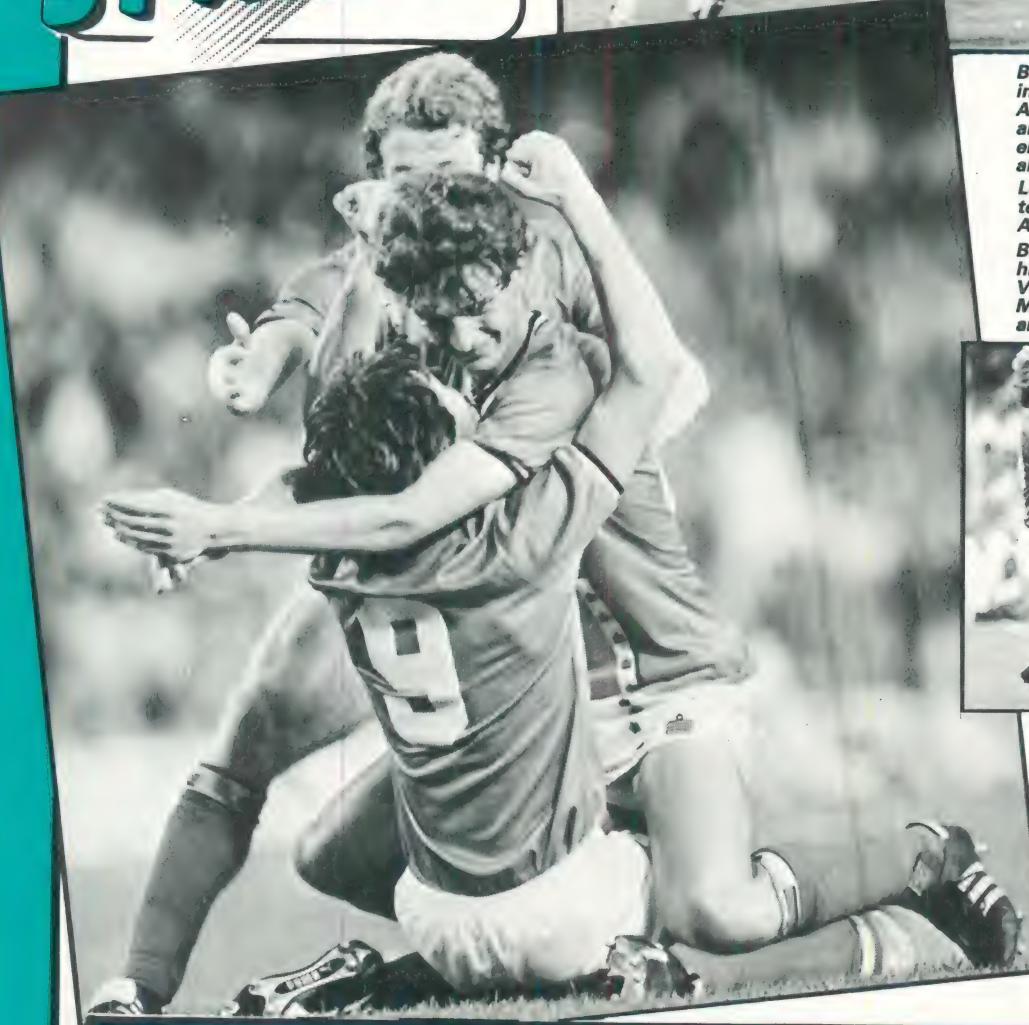


Above: Algeria's Salah Assad fires past Chile's Rodolfo Dubo in his team's 3-2 victory in Oviedo.

Below: West Germany's Horst Hrubesch heads his side into a 1-0 lead against Austria but the game finished in a draw and controversy.



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Belgium's Erwin Vandenbergh (9) writes himself into the record books with this goal against Argentina. It was the first time anyone had scored in an opening match of the Finals for 20 years. It was enough to win Belgium the game and the signs were already there that the holders' reign was over.

Left: Vandenbergh is congratulated by delighted team mates after scoring the winner against Argentina in the Barcelona opener.

Below: Diego Maradona of Argentina is stopped in his tracks by Belgium's Ludo Coeck as Guy Vandermeissen moves in to collect the loose ball. But Maradona was later to strike twice against Hungary and raise his team's flagging hopes.



## GROUP THREE

ARGENTINA BELGIUM  
HUNGARY EL SALVADOR

# THE HOLDERS STUMBLE AS HUNGARY HIT TEN!

THE demise of the reigning world champions began on the opening night of the World Cup.

Argentina, with nine of the side that captured the crown four years earlier in Buenos Aires, were bereft of the glitter and brilliance as they feebly slipped to a 1-0 defeat by Belgium.

The goal, the first in an opening match of the World Cup Finals for twenty years, came from Erwin Vandenbergh after 63 minutes.

It was hotly disputed by the stunned Argentinians and, although they lifted the level of their performance to qualify, the signs were already imminent that their reign was over.

The much-heralded Diego Maradona,

whose multi-talents are being exported to Barcelona next season, struck twice in the 4-1 demolition of Hungary to raise his team's flagging morale.

Argentina clinched their ticket into the second stage of the tournament by coasting home 2-0 against El Salvador, who recovered their powers of organisation after suffering a record 10-1 annihilation by Hungary in their opening match.

Daniel Bertoni popped in his second goal of the Finals, and skipper Daniel Passarella, their outstanding player, settled issues with a penalty.

But for El Salvador it was a tribute to their resilience that they were able to restore order to the ranks that had been used for

shooting practice by the Hungarians!

After that nightmare debut in the Finals, the Central Americans made Belgium fight all the way for a 1-0 victory, secured for them by their new midfield talent Ludo Coeck.

In the end, Belgium had to avoid defeat by Hungary to qualify, a feat they didn't seem like achieving until 15 minutes from time when Alexandre Czerniatynski grabbed an equaliser.

So Hungary had to return home early with a record World Cup Final score as their only compensation.

Their 10-1 slaying of El Salvador brought the first hat-trick of the Finals from Laszlo Kiss, and both Tibor Nyilasi and Laszlo Fazekas weighed in with two goals apiece.



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*Left: History in the making. Bryan Robson crashes home his and England's first goal in the opening 3-1 victory over eventual Semi-Finalists France in Bilbao. The goal — scored after just 27 seconds — goes down as the fastest ever scored in a World Cup Finals.*

*Below: Jumping for joy — that's Bryan Robson after scoring his and England's second against France.*

# ROBSON ROARS IN . . .

## KUWAIT CRASH OUT GROUP FOUR

### ENGLAND FRANCE CZECHOSLOVAKIA KUWAIT

THE springboard of a World Cup Finals record goal after just 27 seconds by Bryan Robson set England on the way to their major objective of qualifying.

The stunning set-piece movement against France, stemming from Steve Coppell's long throw on the right, enabled everyone to paper over the disappointment of injuries to skipper Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking.

And, as the Finals proceeded, Robson, Britain's costliest player at £1.7 million, emerged as one of the principal figures in the competition with his graft and uncanny knack of arriving in the right place at the right time.

His early goal rocked the French back on their heels and, although Gerard

Soler levelled, Robson and Paul Mariner, scoring in his fifth successive international, provided England with a solid foundation.

They built on that against Czechoslovakia with a competent, disciplined display that was rewarded with two quick goals in the second half from Trevor Francis and by courtesy of defender Barmos. The second goal was cheekily claimed by Mariner, who had supplied the cross, but FIFA wouldn't hear of it.

England were disappointing in their 1-0 win over Kuwait, whose football reflected the thoughts of their Brazilian coach, but by then they had already qualified.

Trevor Francis took his goal with clinical precision — one of the few highlights in a sterile match.

France accompanied England into the second round with their performances growing in stature and confidence.

They swept aside Kuwait 4-1 in a Left: Trevor Francis, scorer of England's first goal, looks on as the ball is deflected past Czech goalkeeper Stanislav Seman by defender Jozef Barmos. That made it 2-0 and that's how it stayed.



match that came close to being abandoned when Russian referee Stupar changed his mind after awarding a French goal when Kuwait claimed they had heard a whistle in the crowd.

There was pandemonium on the touchline as the Kuwait side were persuaded back into action by their hierarchy, but France, three-up at that stage, maintained their grip.

Antonin Panenka prevented a second French victory with an 85th minute penalty equaliser for Czechoslovakia, but it came too late for his side to offer a serious challenge.

Their hopes had received a setback in the opening match when they were shocked by Kuwait, whose Al-Dakheel crashed home a spectacular long-range equaliser to cancel out another Panenka penalty.



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## GROUP FIVE

SPAIN n. IRELAND  
YUGOSLAVIA  
HONDURAS

# TEARS FOR HONDURAS . . .

**but Bingham's jolly green giants take over**

THE SIGHT of Honduras goalkeeper Julio Arzu prostrate in the middle of the pitch crying his eyes out summed up all the emotion and high drama in this section.

Beaten by an 87th minute penalty from Yugoslavia's Arsenal-bound player Vladimir Petrovic, he was absolutely shattered at the realisation that his team had come so close to achieving the impossible of reaching the Second Round.

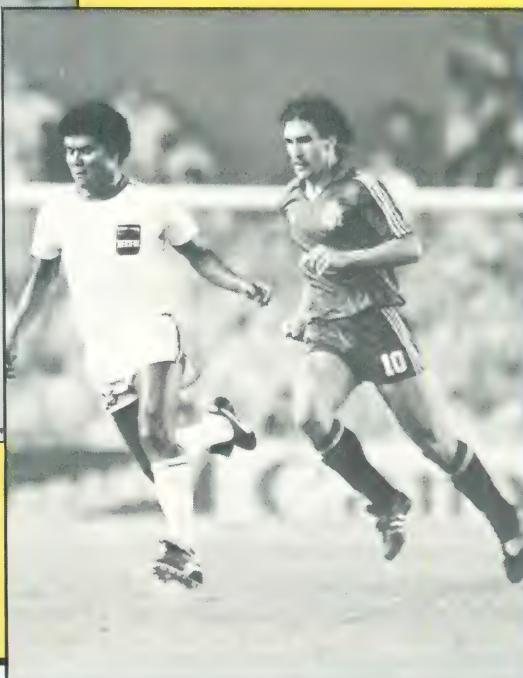
Gilberto, their star player, showed his feelings in another way, getting himself sent off after the goal to add a sour note to what had been an exciting adventure of discovery for the Central Americans.

But as they left the stage, Northern Ireland took over like jolly green giants.



Northern Ireland's Norman Whiteside — seen here in action against Yugoslavia's Nikola Jovanovic — became the youngest player ever to compete in a World Cup Finals.

Right: Jose Figueroa of Honduras is chased by Spain's Jesus Zamora during the 1-1 draw in Valencia. It was tears for the Hondurans however when they realised they were out of the competition.



*So proud! Northern Ireland manager Billy Bingham salutes the fans after his side's magnificent 1-0 victory over hosts Spain.*

Billy Bingham's side were written off by many. In the eyes of some of their players, they had won their World Cup Final by qualifying in the first place.

But their fighting qualities and commendable organisation shone through to enable them to top the group in Spain's own backyard.

After a tentative goalless draw with Yugoslavia and a shaky 1-1 affair with Honduras, Gerry Armstrong heading them in front, Ireland needed at least a high-scoring draw to confound the pundits.

But they duly plundered a 1-0 win over a Spanish side reeling under the pressure and the backlash of public unrest at their disappointing showings against Honduras and Yugoslavia.

### Rescued

Against Honduras they were rescued by a Lopez Ufarte penalty equaliser; against Yugoslavia they were helped on the way to a 2-1 victory by a controversial twice-taken penalty, but against the battling Irish there was no escape.

Although they had Luton defender Mal Donaghy sent off midway through the second half, the Irish clung to their prized possession of a Gerry Armstrong goal as if their lives depended on it.

It was a gripping finale with the Irish repelling raid after raid, with injury time seeming like eternity before the referee signalled the end of one of Ireland's greatest performances.

Apart from fielding the youngest ever player in the Finals in 17-year-old Manchester United striker Norman Whiteside, they had one of the stars of the tournament in Watford's Gerry Armstrong.

He ignored reputations and took direct routes to goal, with his reward being three goals and a bagful of praise.

So the Irish eyes were well and truly smiling after the drama in Valencia.

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*Above: Goal! USSR goalkeeper Rinat Dasaev is beaten by a long shot from Brazil's Socrates in the three-times World Cup winners' opening 2-1 victory.*

*Right: Oh yes! Scotland's John Wark (left) celebrates the first of his two goals with team mate John Robertson during the 5-2 victory over New Zealand.*

## GROUP SIX BRAZIL USSR SCOTLAND NEW ZEALAND

FOR all the pride, passion and determination Scotland displayed in the toughest group, the agonising truth remains that their early exit was triggered off by two fateful moments against unranked New Zealand.

The two goals Scotland conceded in their opening 5-2 victory proved crucial in the final reckoning, when, after failing to achieve the necessary win over the USSR, they bowed out on goal difference for the third successive time.

Scotland did concede two more goals than the USSR against the magical Brazilians, but the Russians kept a clean sheet against the Kiwis which was the telling factor.

Few teams could have avoided a 4-1 lesson at the hands of a Brazilian team that answered all the prayers of the soccer purist.

They produced high entertainment, breathtaking skill, deadly finishing, superb fitness, and they had a soccer phrasebook that had erased such words as defensive, negative and caution.

But even then, Scotland had the audacity to steal an early lead through David Narey.

However, the platform of a 5-2 win over New Zealand and a shock Narey goal was reduced to the strength of balsa wood, thus collapsing under the unrelenting power of the Brazilians.

Zico equalised before the break, and then Oscar, Eder, with a tantalising chip over Alan Rough, and finally Falcao made life a misery for the tiring Scots.

Scotland fought bravely and with great pride, but that was not sufficient in the



## SCOTLAND'S BRAVES FALL TO THE BRAZILIAN BLEND

stifling heat of Seville.

So Scotland were left with the task of defeating the Russians to advance into the Second Round for the first time.

But it was not to be, even though the recalled Joe Jordan raised their hopes with an opportunist first half goal.

Russian skipper Chividze equalised with a scrappy goal, and then Shengelia cruelly ended their hopes in the closing minutes after a tragic mis-understanding between Willie Miller and Alan Hansen.

Acting skipper Graeme Souness levelled matters in the last minute, but Scotland's desperate late rally failed to produce the result their performance had merited.

So Russia accompanied Brazil whom they had pushed to the limit in the opening match.

Their organisation cramped Brazil's style for most of the match until Socrates and Eder slipped the noose late in the second half to overhaul Bal's early goal.

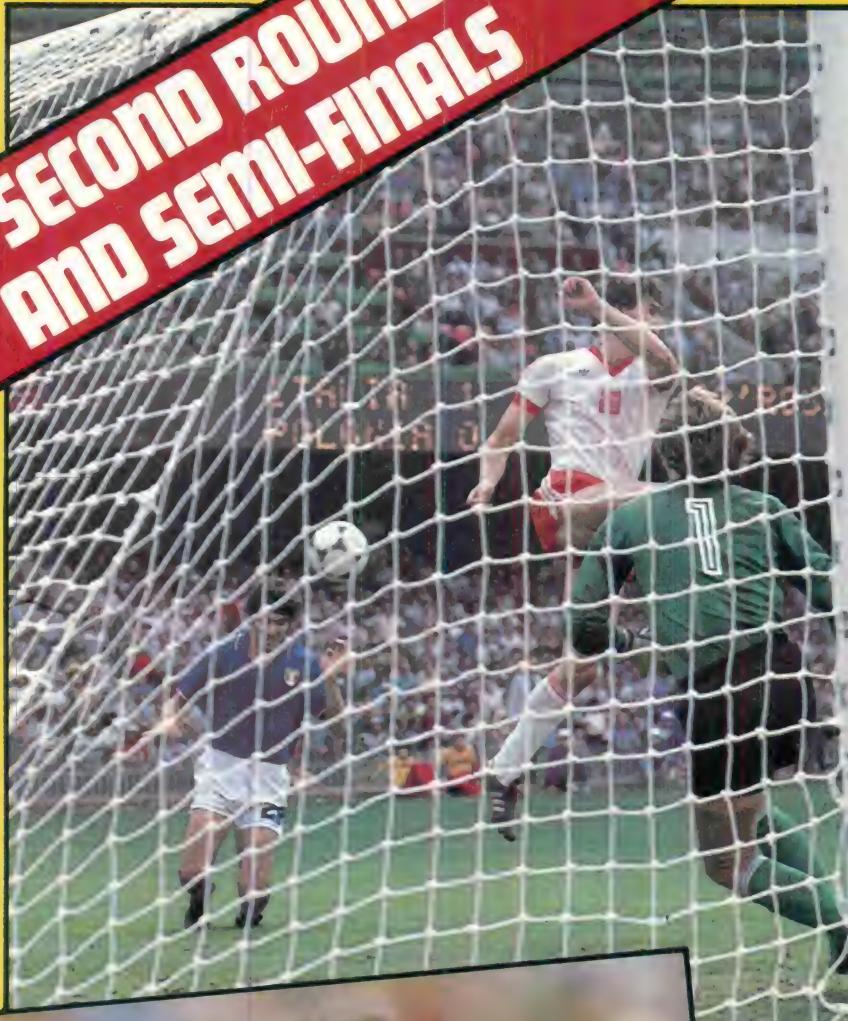
New Zealand? They went home with the memory of facing a Brazil side who many thought at that stage would regain the crown.

A brilliant display by young Frank Van Hattum kept Brazil down to four goals, two of them from Zico in the first half.

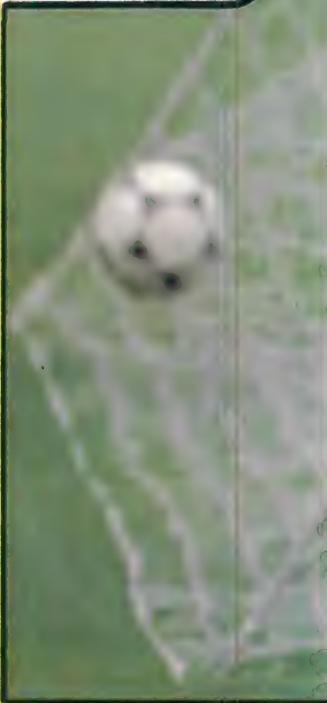
Russia put three past the Kiwis, but the part-timers showed plenty of resolution in their first World Cup Final.

And, rather ironically, they ended Scotland's hopes with those goals from Steve Woodin and Steve Sumner, with a team that included several Scottish-born players.

**SECOND ROUND  
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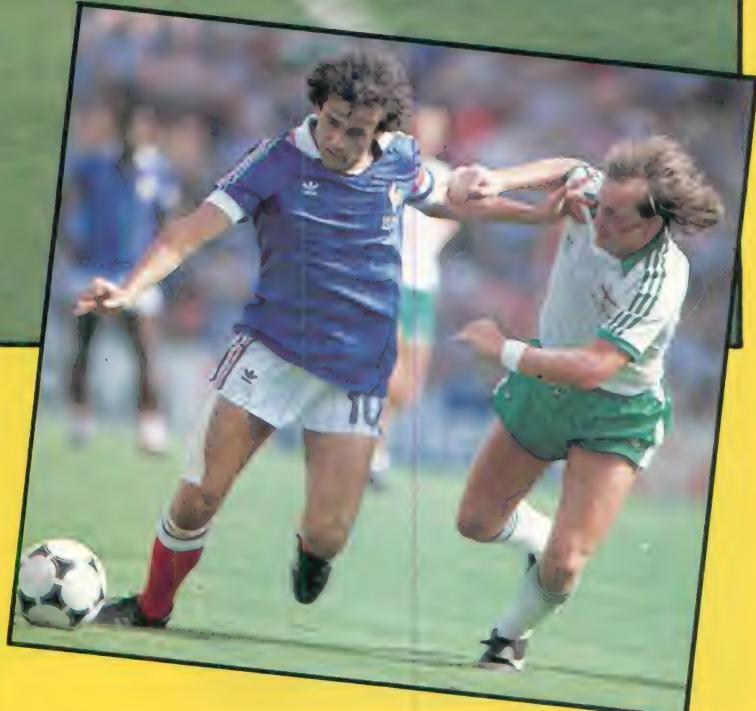
**TOP LEFT:** Ace marksman Paolo Rossi stoops to head his and Italy's second goal in the 2-0 Semi-Final victory over Poland.

**FAR LEFT:** That 'goalden' feeling. Brazil's Zico dances away in delight after scoring the first goal in the 3-1 victory over Argentina.

**LEFT:** Captains courageous. Brazil's Socrates clashes with Argentina's Daniel Passarella in the battle of the giants in Barcelona.

**ABOVE:** The ball bulges in the back of the Austrian net, goalkeeper Friedrich Koncilia is down and out and goalscorer Billy Hamilton is the happiest man in Spain after giving Northern Ireland the lead.

**RIGHT:** French skipper Michel Platini and Northern Ireland's David McCreery get to grips in a tussle for the ball.



# SECOND

# THE WORLD CUP STORY SPAIN '82

## BONIEK BLITZES BELGIUM

POLAND star Zbigniew Boniek proved the key character in a group that offered little more than disciplined and dour football.

After failing to live up to his potential in the first phase, the new Juventus signing suddenly exploded into life with a brilliant hat-trick against Belgium.

The Belgians, considered dark horses for the Cup after their opening night victory over Argentina, were made to look second rate by the talented Boniek.

He lashed in an unstoppable drive after only four minutes and, from that moment, Poland threatened to run riot.

Boniek headed a second after 26 minutes with goalkeeper Custers clutching thin air on his first appearance in the Finals, and he completed his hat-trick early in the second half with a neat sidestep, leaving the commentators to revive the standard quip "Custers' last stand".

Belgium, runners-up to West Germany in the 1980 European Championships, were unable to make any real headway with their new strike force of Jan Ceulemans and Erwin Vandenbergh getting little change from a well marshalled Poland defence.

That emphatic victory put the pressure on Russia in the next game.

This time Belgium were a little more resolute, if lacking any real ambition, but Russia, with more at stake, appeared incapable of rising to the challenge set by their Eastern European neighbours.

Khoren Oganesian, playing his first full game in the Finals, volleyed home what proved the winner early in the second half.

Russia seemed more than content to retain that one goal lead — probably feeling confident of defeating Poland in the last match.

In the end, the head-on clash between the countries, which had political overtones, produced one of the most unappetising matches of the Finals.

Poland, knowing that a draw would be sufficient, had more than enough discipline and defensive knowledge to repel a Russian side that appeared jaded and, in the main, resigned to failure.

As a result, a goalless stalemate ensued, the only telling moment for Poland being a second booking for Boniek to put him out of the Semi-Finals.



## GROUP A

POLAND  
RUSSIA  
BELGIUM



*Top: Zbigniew Boniek rounds Belgium 'keeper Custers to clinch his hat-trick in the 3-0 victory in Barcelona.*

*Poland's Pawel Janas (right) and team mate Wladyslaw Zmuda celebrate their victory over Belgium.*

# ROUND

## WEST GERMANY

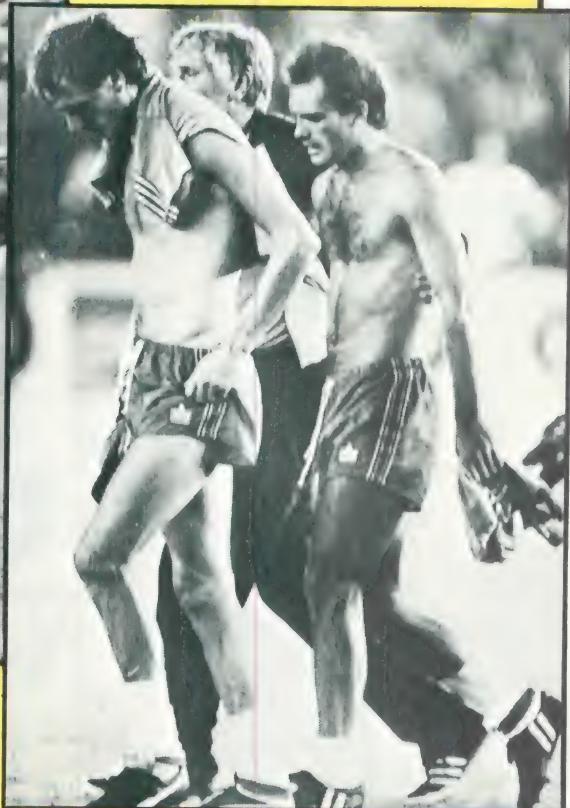
## GROUP B ENGLAND SPAIN

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Above: Foiled again! West German goalkeeper Harald Schumacher saves to thwart England's Bryan Robson in a goalmouth incident during the 0-0 draw which opened Group B.

Right: The party's over. England are out of the World Cup Finals. Dejected England players Phil Thompson and Ray Wilkins trudged off the field after the disappointing 0-0 draw with Spain in Madrid.



# UNBEATEN ENGLAND BOW OUT . . . but it's joy for Germany

IF ever there was a chess board confrontation in a football arena, then historic rivals England and West Germany produced it in Madrid.

There was tension and respect, but tactics and planning virtually dictated the course of events, and a goalless draw always seemed inevitable.

West Germany, by their defensive selection and negative approach, were content with the predictable outcome.

England, despite all their hard graft, lacked the guile and individual inspiration to unhinge a German defence constructed to repel a tank division.

If only for showing the greater ambition, England probably deserved the extra point, yet German skipper Karl-Heinz Rummenigge almost stole it with a last minute thunderbolt that rocked Peter Shilton's crossbar.

It would have been a travesty of justice had that drive been an inch or so lower after a sterile match that was regarded as the 'easiest of the season' by England defender Phil Thompson.

The only winners were the Spanish crowd

who could see the door slightly ajar for their home heroes to slide through.

But Spanish optimism was crushed a few days later when the Germans came out of their shell to end the hosts' interest in the competition.

Spanish hopes had rested most of the time on individual effort rather than a concerted team assault, and they never appeared relaxed in the pressure applied by their supporters.

Pierre Littbarski and Klaus Fischer shattered Spain with two goals in the second half before Jesus Zamora headed one back in the dying embers of the match.

That goal failed to lift Spain, but it at least gave England an inkling of a chance of reaching the Semi-Finals.

England needed a 2-0 win to overhaul the Germans, but it was not to be.

Frustration became the key word as England, for all their sweat and toil, failed to break the deadlock.

The Spaniards operated with more feeling than against Germany in a bid to save face, but England had enough chances to have won with something to spare.

Kevin Keegan and Trevor Brooking were both launched into the World Cup late in the second half, and ironically, both were guilty of missed chances in the frenetic climax.

So England returned home unbeaten, Ron Greenwood's reign as manager had ended with pride, and the players were left to reflect on what might have been.

# THE WORLD CUP STORY SPAIN '82



Argentina's Diego Maradona is consoled by team mate Alberto Tarantini as he begins the long and lonely walk back to the dressing room after being sent off in the 3-1 defeat at the hands of Brazil.

*Below: Brazil's Serginho heads home his team's second goal in the defeat of Argentina in Barcelona.*

# SECOND



## GROUP C

ITALY  
ARGENTINA  
BRAZIL

# TALES OF THE UNEXPECTED

## BRAZIL CRASH OUT!

THIS fascinating cocktail of Latin temperament and silky skills brought an unexpected conclusion with the emergence of Italy as potential world champions.

The Barcelona group witnessed the abdication of reigning champions Argentina, the more vibrant and adventurous nature of Italy's normally cautious outlook, and the proof that Brazil were by no means infallible.

And it also heralded the re-birth of a world star in Italy's Paolo Rossi, and the sad departure of one of his contemporaries, Argentina's Diego Maradona.

For Rossi, just back after a two-year ban for his alleged part in a bribes scandal, his hat-trick in the downfall of Brazil underlined his class in a tournament that began with his substitution in a sub-standard first phase.

For Maradona, who hopes to be one of Spain's favourite imports next season, the lasting memory was his lonely walk back to the dressing room after being sent off during the 3-1 crushing by Brazil.

Maradona, who only shone in occasional flashes, was the second Argentinian sent off in this Group, a sad testimony to the vanquished world champions.

Americo Gallego received the red card in the opening 2-1 defeat by Italy who gave real notice of their potential to stop the Brazilian march.

The match was hardly an appetising advertisement for football with 39 fouls

committed, but Italy had beaten Argentina for the second successive tournament.

Bruno Conti, the new star of Italy's engine room, had a hand in both goals, scored in the second half by Marco Tardelli and Antonio Cabrini.

Argentinian skipper Daniel Passarella reduced the arrears from a free kick seven minutes from time, but with Italy masters of containment, there was no way back for his side.

And Argentina were shown the door in no uncertain manner by South American rivals Brazil in their next match.

Zico, Serginho and Junior, who supplied the finishing touch to a sweeping Brazilian move that was the hallmark of their scintillating performance, grabbed the goals, leaving Argentina with a late Diaz goal for consolation.

Now Italy faced their biggest test. Could their customary smothering tactics cramp Brazil's flamboyant style?

It took only four minutes for Rossi to provide the answer with a headed goal!

He scored twice more to complete a brilliant opportunist hat-trick, and, although Brazil twice clawed their way back to equalise, they couldn't deny the Italians their hour of glory.

Although Italy's success was not universally welcomed by football followers, there was no disputing that they had earned the right of a Semi-Final place by eliminating the most refreshing and naturally gifted team in the competition.

# ROUND 1

## GROUP D

N. IRELAND

AUSTRIA

FRANCE



# THE WORLD CUP STORY SPAIN 82



*Oh yes! Arms raised in triumph, Northern Ireland's Billy Hamilton sets off on his celebration run after giving his side the lead against Austria... but the dream was to end against France.*

*Left: Northern Ireland goalkeeper Pat Jennings can only look back in despair as the ball hits the back of the net for France's final goal in their 4-1 victory. The scorer, for the second time in the match, is Alain Giresse (12) — wheeling away in delight.*

THE Northern Ireland dream ended at the hands of revitalised France, whose performances in the second phase made them the most exciting European team in the tournament.

There were few indications of their potential in the opening 3-1 defeat by England, but France showed in their victories over Austria and Northern Ireland, that they had the ability to go all the way.

The uncomplicated midfield patterns weaved by players like Jean Tigana, Michel Platini and little Alain Giresse made them the most pleasing team to the eye after Brazil.

Although they managed only a single Bernard Genghini goal against demoralised Austria, it was poor reward for an otherwise totally convincing display.

With Austria's confidence waning, Ireland had the opportunity to apply the pressure on France.

And when Burnley's Billy Hamilton headed a brilliant opening goal after a superb driving run by Gerry Armstrong, a positive victory looked on the cards.

But Austria recovered their self-respect in the second half to take the lead through Bruno Pezey and Reinhold Hintermaier and leave Ireland hanging over the precipice.

## IRISH DISCOVER THAT FRENCH ARE MUSTARD!

Billy Bingham's side had shown their fighting qualities on more than one occasion, and when Jimmy Nicholl reached what had seemed a lost cause, Hamilton was on hand again to head a life-saver.

But Ireland's glorious World Cup campaign came to an end against a French side that dominated the match from the very first whistle.

Although Ireland can point at a controversially disallowed goal from skipper Martin O'Neill before France edged in front, there was no disputing in the end that Michel Hidalgo's side deserved their Semi-Final ticket.

Two goals from pocket-sized dynamo Giresse and two more from the enigmatic

Dominique Rocheteau sealed Ireland's fate although Gerry Armstrong produced a parting shot with his third goal of the tournament.

There was no disgrace in defeat for Ireland.

By reaching the Second Round, they had exceeded all expectations for a squad lacking in First Division experience, but brimful of determination and pride in wearing the green jersey.

Ironically, it was France who ended their World Cup dreams at the Quarter-Final stage in 1958.

History repeated itself, but the Irish died bravely and with considerable honour.

# THE WORLD CUP STORY SPAIN 82

## W GERMANY 3 FRANCE 3

(After extra time —  
Germany win 5-4 on pens)

ALL the drama and tension required to add spice to a high degree of skill and excitement were encapsulated in this thrilling Semi-Final that required a penalty shoot-out to decide the outcome.

Germany took the verdict in the end, coming back from the brink of death in extra-time, to force the first-ever penalty decider in a World Cup Finals.

Although one admired the way in which Germany, 3-1 down with just twenty minutes of extra time remaining, came back from adversity, there was, nevertheless, a feeling of sorrow for France, whose flowing football had merited the very best of rewards.

With such high stakes, the French possibly showed a certain amount of naivety, with a hint of tiredness, to allow Germany off the hook after Marius Tresor and Alain Giresse had blasted them into a 3-1 lead.

First substitute Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, fighting off the effects of a hamstring injury,

## ROSSI RAMPAGE

ITALY'S 'Golden Boy', Paolo Rossi, completed one of the most remarkable returns from the soccer wilderness with both goals in the 2-0 defeat of Poland.

It took his tally to five in two matches as Italy swept into their fourth World Cup Final.

It was a thoroughly efficient, if not enterprising, Italian performance against a disappointing Polish side missing the talents of the suspended Zbigniew Boniek.

Italy didn't have to achieve any great heights to overcome a Polish side lacking the necessary invention to forge a way through a solid Italian defence.

## THIRD PLACE DECIDER

### POLAND 3 FRANCE 2

Jean Castaneda provided Stefan Majewski with a free header on the stroke of half-time. Janusz Kupelewicz foaled everyone from a free kick to make it 3-1, before Alain Couriol touched home a second goal for France late on.

So Poland took third place for the second time in three Finals.

THERE was almost a sense of anti-climax as the beaten Semi-Finalists went through the process of deciding third place in Alicante.

There was little excitement for the small crowd, although the French, fielding virtually their 'shadow' team, played some attractive football at times.

They went ahead through Rene Girard, but a dramatic three-goal burst in seven minutes enabled Poland to assert their authority.

Recalled striker Andrzej Szarmach lashed home the equaliser in the 40th minute, and then a blunder by second string goalkeeper

# SEMI-FINALS



West Germany are in the Final! Horst Hrubesch sends French goalkeeper Ettori the wrong way in the sudden death penalty competition which decided their thrilling match.

## PENALTY DRAMA

and then Klaus Fischer, with a spectacular overhead kick, set up the high drama.

Even then France could have sealed victory when Uli Stielike had his penalty saved by Jean-Luc Ettori, the hard German sweeper slumping to the ground in tears.

But Didier Six promptly missed with the next kick and it was into sudden death.

This time, Maxime Bossis was the guilty Frenchman, and substitute Horst Hrubesch made no mistake to send Germany into the Final.

Pierre Littbarski (Germany) and Michel Platini (France), with a penalty, had provided the first half goals in a match that was the most entertaining of the tournament.



Italy's Paolo Rossi races jubilantly across the pitch after scoring his and his team's first goal in the 2-0 victory over Poland in Barcelona.

# Results . . . scorers . . . attendances . . . tables . . .

## GROUP ONE

Italy	0	Poland	0
Att: 30,000 (in Vigo)			
Peru	0	Cameroon	0
Att: 11,000 (in La Coruna)			
Italy	1	Peru	1
Conti		Diaz	
Att: 31,000 (in Vigo)			
Poland	0	Cameroon	0
Att: 15,000 (in La Coruna)			
Peru	1	Poland	5
La Rosa		Smolarek, Lato, Boniek, Buncol, Ciolek	
Att: 20,000 (in La Coruna)			
Italy	1	Cameroon	1
Graziani		M'Bida	
Att: 37,021 (in Vigo)			

# WORLD CUP ROUND-UP

## FINAL TABLE

Belgium	1	El Salvador	0
Coeck			
Att: 6,000 (in Elche)			
Belgium	1	Hungary	1
Czerniatynski		Varga	
Att: 30,000 (in Elche)			
Argentina	2	El Salvador	0
Passarella (pen), Bertoni			
Att: 32,093 (in Alicante)			

## FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Belgium	3	2	1	0	3	1	5
Argentina	3	2	0	1	6	2	4
Hungary	3	1	1	1	12	6	3
El Salvador	3	0	0	3	1	13	0

## GROUP SIX

Brazil	2	U.S.S.R.	1
Socrates, Eder		Bal	
Att: 45,000 (in Seville)			
Scotland	5	New Zealand	2
Wark 2, Robertson, Dalglish, Archibald		Wooddin, Sumner	
Att: 25,000 (in Malaga)			
Brazil	4	Scotland	1
Zico, Oscar, Falcao, Eder		Narey	
Att: 47,000 (in Seville)			

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Brazil	3	3	0	0	10	2	6
U.S.S.R.	3	1	1	1	6	4	3
Scotland	3	1	1	1	8	8	3
N. Zealand	3	0	0	3	2	12	0

Att: 90,000  
Spain.....0 England.....0  
Att: 60,000

## FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
W. Germany	2	1	1	0	1	3	
England	2	0	2	0	0	0	2
Spain	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

## GROUP C

### BARCELONA

Italy	2	Argentina	1
Tardelli, Cabrini		Passarella	
Att: 39,150			
Argentina	1	Brazil	3
Diaz		Zico, Serginho, Junior	
Att: 49,000			

## FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Italy	2	2	0	0	5	3	4
Brazil	2	1	0	1	5	4	2
Argentina	2	0	0	2	2	5	0

## GROUP D

### MADRID

Austria	0	France	1
Genghini			
Att: 37,000			
Austria	2	N. Ireland	2
Pezzey, Hintermaier		Hamilton 2	
Att: 24,000			
N. Ireland	1	France	4
Armstrong		Giresse 2, Rocheteau 2	
Att: 30,000			

## FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Austria	2	0	1	1	2	3	1
N. Ireland	2	0	1	1	3	6	1

## SEMI-FINALS

Italy	2	Poland	0
Rossi 2			
Att: 75,000 (in Barcelona)			
France	3	W. Germany	3
Platini (pen), Tresor, Giresse		Rummenigge, Littbarski, Fischer	
(After extra time: 90 min. score 1-1) West Germany win 5-4 on pens)			
Att: 70,000 (in Seville)			

## THIRD PLACE PLAY-OFF

Poland	3	France	2
Szarmach, Majewski, Kupcewicz		Couriol, Girard	
Att: 25,000 (in Alicante)			

## FINAL

Italy	3	W. Germany	1
Rossi, Tardelli, Altobelli		Breitner	
Att: 95,000 (in Madrid)			

## FINAL TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
England	3	3	0	0	6	1	6
France	3	1	1	1	6	5	3
Czech.	3	0	2	1	2	4	2
Kuwait	3	0	1	2	2	6	1

## GROUP FIVE

Spain	1	Honduras	1
Ufarte (pen)		Zelaya	
Att: 49,652 (in Valencia)			
Yugoslavia	0	N. Ireland	0
Att: 25,000 (in Zaragoza)			

Spain	2	Yugoslavia	1
Juanito (pen), Gudelj			
Saura			
Att: 48,000 (in Valencia)			

Honduras	1	N. Ireland	1
Laing		Armstrong	
Att: 6,000 (in Zaragoza)			
Honduras	0	Yugoslavia	1
Petrovic (pen)			

Spain	0	N. Ireland	1
Att: 12,000 (in Zaragoza)			
Spain	0	N. Ireland	1
Att: 50,000 (in Valencia)			

## GROUP B

### MADRID

W. Germany	0	England	0
Att: 75,000			
W. Germany	2	Spain	1
Littbarski, Fischer		Zamora	
Att: 25,000 (in Alicante)			



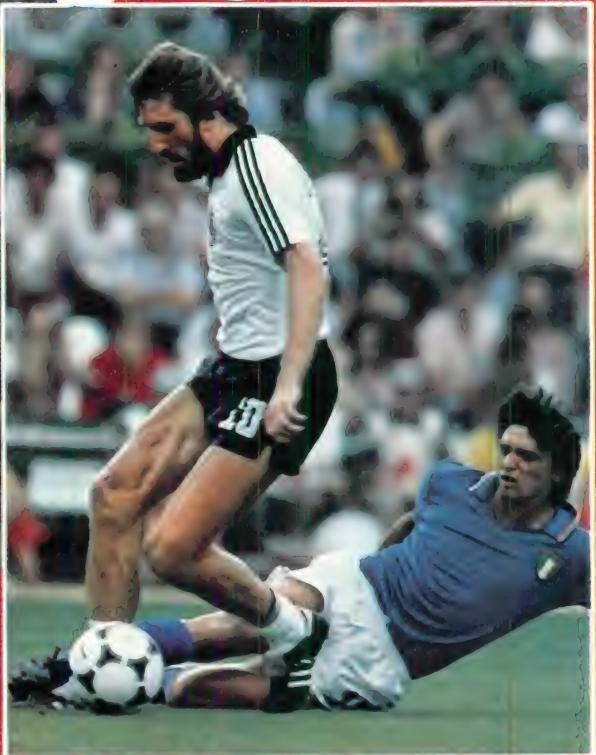
*Above: A great moment for Italy's 40-year-old goalkeeping skipper Dino Zoff as he holds aloft the gleaming World Cup.*

*Above right: Italy's star striker Paolo Rossi celebrates his opening goal early in the second half.*

*Right: West Germany full back Manny Kaltz evades a strong challenge from Italy substitute Alessandro Altobelli.*



**THE**





It's a penalty as Germany's Hans-Peter Briegel brings down Bruno Conti in the first half, but Antonio Cabrini shot wide from the spot.

# FINAL



West Germany produced their own version of the Berlin Wall, but Bruno Conti managed to find a way past with this free kick.

## THE WORLD CUP STORY SPAIN 82

### ITALY 3 W. GERMANY 1

ITALY carved themselves a niche in soccer history by lifting the coveted World Cup in Madrid's imposing Bernabeau Stadium.

Their 3-1 victory over West Germany bracketed them with Brazil as the only three-times winners of soccer's richest prize.

They overcame the loss of key players Giancarlo Antognoni (before the start), and Francesco Graziani (just after) and a missed penalty by Antonio Cabrini to conquer the almost mechanised Germans in the second half.

After a lifeless sparring session in the first half, the Final exploded into life with a goal from the insatiable Paolo Rossi 11 minutes into the second half.

His close range header from Gentile's teasing centre made him the competition's top scorer with six goals.

With Italy sensing victory, Marco Tardelli surged forward to score a second after 68 minutes and substitute Alessandro Altobelli sealed Germany's fate nine minutes from time.

Paul Breitner pulled back a consolation goal for the Germans in the 84th minute, but by then the original European favourites had been firmly put in their place.

Italy: Zoff, Bergomi, Cabrini, Collovati, Scirea, Gentile, Orioli, Tardelli, Conti, Graziani (sub Altobelli, subbed by Causio), Rossi.

West Germany: Schumacher, Kaltz, Forster K-H, Stielike, Forster B, Breitner, Dremmler (sub Hrubesch), Littbarski, Briegel, Fischer, Rummenigge (sub Müller). Referee: A. Coelho (Brazil).

# SOCCER-WORD

## THIS IS IT!

Match Special's David Peck has compiled this giant crossword to test your soccer knowledge. So get going . . .

## ACROSS

13 and 8 down. Club which in 1982-83 found itself in its fourth *different* division in four seasons (7,4)

14. One of the nicknames of this club is "The Foxes" (9,4)

15. Club for which Steve Death holds the appearances record (7)

17. Their home is at Feethams Ground (10)

18. Brothers who sound like 88 across (4)

19 & 96 down. 'Brian Daly' (anagram) — this midfielder's career clubs have included Coventry City and Aston Villa (4,5)

20. Between 1958 and 1976 he made a club record of 506 League appearances for 43 down... (4,5)

22. ... where John — (who himself made 352) was his team-mate for the last ten or so years (5)

24. City where you could see the famous clubs Dukla and Sparta (6)

27. Goalkeeper — Bordon has had the same sort of occasional international call-ups for Italy as Joe Corrigan has for England (5)

28. The club's name as it appears under the solitary tree in the club badge (6)

30. One of Port Vale's colours (5)

34 and 12 down. It usually (though it doesn't need to) has flags at the end of it (7-4)

36. Quickly switched from a defensive situation to an offensive one (7-8)

37. Former Hibs and Scotland defender Pat — had a short spell with Celtic and has subsequently been a manager (7)

41. Keeper of the 1960s and 1970s who made over 300 appearances for Millwall before having a handful of games for Coventry (5,4)

42. In ten years at Ipswich, he scored 160 League goals — a quarter of them in one season! (3,8)

45. One of the clubs which Lawrie McMenemy has managed (9)

48. They last won the 28 down by beating 14 across in the 1969 final (10,4)

51. The club which has supplied the Scotland keeper for over fifty internationals (7,7)

55. Bring the ball under control (4)

56. — is one of the colours of... (3)

58. ... "The Grecians" (6)

59. — Ormond was Scotland's manager during the 1974 World Cup Finals (6)

50. Bryan Robson has broken his several times (3)

61. Mansfield Town's ground is at Field — (4)

62. Pre-war striker with Sheffield Wednesday who later managed Charlton Athletic (5,7)

63. Former 28 across player Jurgen Roeber had joined them from Chicago — (5)

64. 'One wrongdoer' (anagram) — though this former manager's team were singing "This time we'll get it right" (3,9)

65. One of soccer's Bonds (5)

67. Hajduk — is one of Yugoslavia's top clubs (5)

69. There's often an appeal for this (5)

73. Former Preston North End and Bradford City forward who could set fire to 87 across! (5)

75. The polite word for cheating (12)

78. Old Wolves and England defender who sounds as if he had a tight grip on the game (5)

80. A defender in Scotland's World Cup teams in Spain (6,6)

82. A forward may do so after a hard challenge (4)

84. — Bentley, old Chelsea and England forward who later managed 15 across (3)

85. See 124 down

86. Gets among the goals (6)

87. Former Celtic, Chelsea and Scotland star who managed Motherwell to promotion in 1982 (3)

88. The colour usually worn by Italy goalkeeper Dino Zoff (4)

89. There's a regular television contest to sort out who scores it (4,2,3,5)

91. They're about the lowest way of going in for the ball (7,7)

94. Kilmarnock's ground (Where — naturally — they play football!) (5,4)

97. Such a player hasn't missed a match (4-7)

100. He succeeded Sir Harold Thompson as chairman of the Football Association (9)

105. 'I hire All' (anagram) — when, of course, I really want Vince (7)

106. Irish manager who won promotion with three of the four Welsh clubs (5,10)

109. England international with a long career serving Chelsea, QPR and Arsenal (7)

110. Defender who shared 500 appearances between Newcastle United and 28 across (5)

112. Striker who scored Spain's last goal in the World Cup finals (6)

114. Defender Peter — has full caps for Northern Ireland but was a Youth international with England (whilst his name suggests neither!) (5)

115. Former Wimbledon chairman who transferred to Crystal Palace (6)

117. Famous Milan club (5)

121. Argentina's captain during the last two World Cup finals (10)

124. The eleven men in it don't always play as one! (4)

125. One sort of result (4)

127. A club Sir Alf Ramsey managed (10)

129. Brothers Terry and Ken (7)

130. A free-kick (at least) should be award for this offence (9,4)

131. The nickname of the other club from 1 across (7)

Roger — — had a spell with Coventry (3,4)

68. A former international with Orient and Ipswich, he became a noted trainer (3)

69. What Mariner and Hrubesch are good at (7)

70. Newport County's ground (8,4)

71. — Williams had two spells as manager of Swindon Town (5)

72. Manager who moved to Oxford after a spell with 127 across (5)

73. One of Northern Ireland's stars in the World Cup finals in Spain (5,7)

74. The sort of soccer men you'd expect to find in the zoo? (7)

76. He became player-manager of Rotherham in 1981 (6)

77. Richards has a bit of cramped room (5)

78. One of the clubs relegated at the end of the 1981-82 season (7)

79. The dog which found the... (7)

80. — Cup after it had been stolen in 1966 (5)

81. Doing the opposite of 44 down (6)

83. An organisation which represents the players (1,1,1)

88 and 48 down. Old keeper for 127 across and England (3,7)

90. This part of soccer ground may not be the real thing! (4)

92. Bring down (4)

93. In 1981, Brian Clough signed Mark — from the club he himself had starred for (7)

95. — Stielike, key defender for West Germany (3)

96. See 19 across

98. In 1982 they became champion club of 116 down (5)

99. A material which may be used in, for instance, the goal-net (5)

101. The first name of manager Murphy (5)

102 and 7 down. 'FA ran boot in' (Anagram) this defender served Sheffield Wednesday and Lincoln with 45 across in between 3,8)

103. Top scorer for Brazil in the 1982 World Cup finals (4)

104. & 23 down. Top Bulgarian club encountered by Liverpool in the European Cup in both 1980-81 and 1981-82 (1,1,1,1,5)

107. An injury may have to be — by the club physiotherapist (8)

108. 'Tartness' (Anagram) — Clive played 300 games for 17 across before joining Halifax in 1980 (8)

111. Forward who played over 300 games for QPR in the 1960s and 1970s (5)

113. 'Totally' (anagram) — well, not quite, because you'll need to remove one letter before you can rearrange the rest to find Trevor (6)

116. In the 1970s West Germany were once runners-up in and twice champions of — (6)

118. Welsh international whose first name is shown at 102 down and who has featured in the Barnsley front line with 113 down (7)

119. The means by which Ray gets to matches? (5)

120. Famous Read Madrid midfielder who made his debut for Spain against Argentina in the 1966 World Cup Finals and played there in the 1978 Finals (5)

122. Nowadays they often get a chance to get into a game (4)

123. The club at Castlereagh Park (4)

124 & 85 across. 'Dodgy on net' (anagram) — this keeper began his career in 1975 with WBA... (4,6)

126. ... who made a good buy when they purchased this future skipper from Peterborough in 1970. (4)

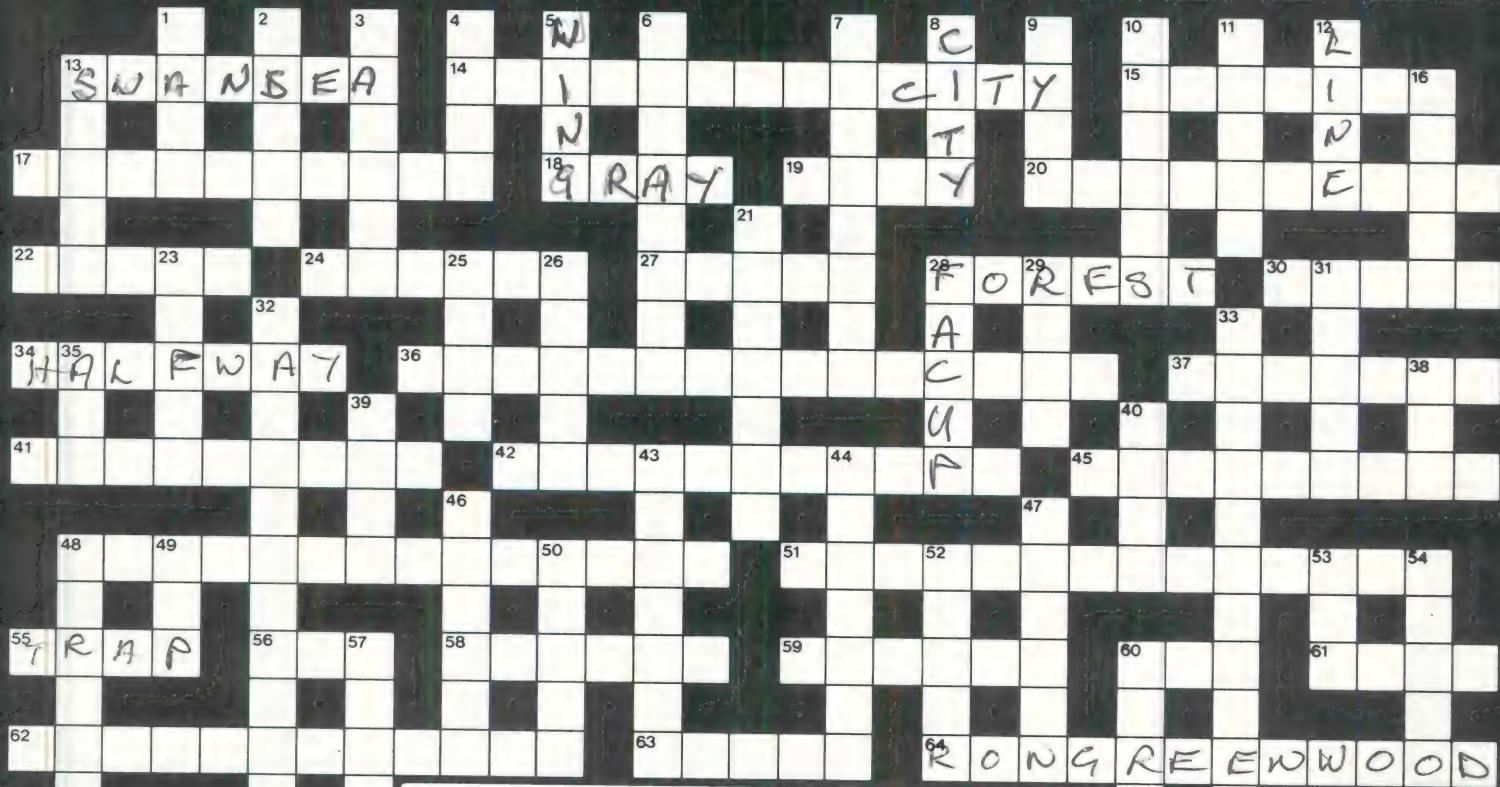
127. Swiss side Young — Berne have reached the semi-final of the European Cup (4)

128. Attendance figure (4)



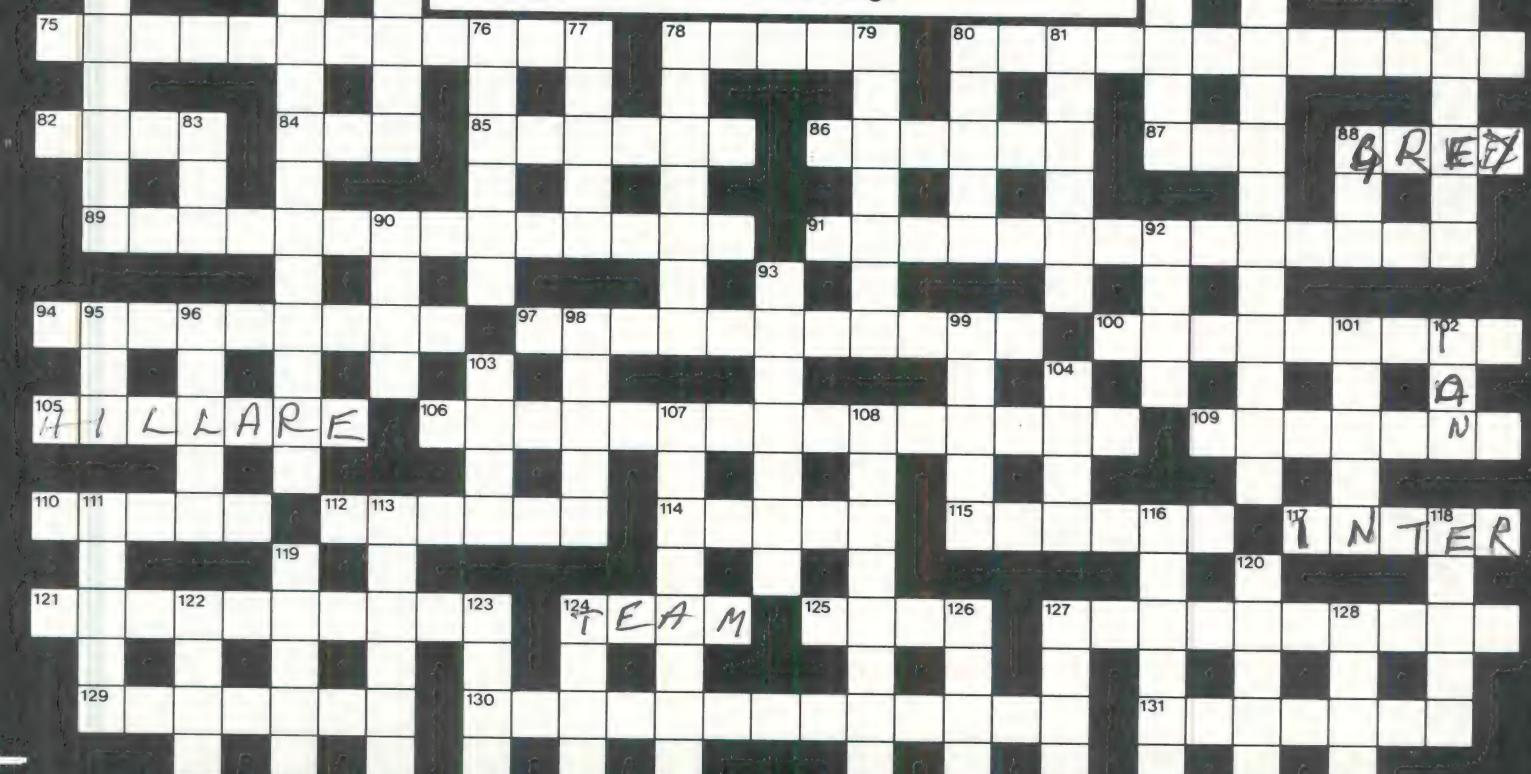
● This Belgian international has played for a top Midlands club. Name him and you've got the answers to 66 and 25 down.

# SOCCER-WORD



## THE BIG ONE!

IT'S BIG . . . and designed to test your soccer knowledge to the limit. You'll find the answers on page 126 — but no cheating!



# PAUL MARINER

re-lives the five international goals that put him alongside legendary goalscorer Jimmy Greaves in the record books.



Right: The goal that took England to the World Cup Finals. Paul Mariner (number nine) falls to the ground as he steers Trevor Brooking's shot into the Hungary net with Alvin Martin (right) and Kevin Keegan ready to celebrate.



## FIVE FOR THE WORLD

### PAUL MARINER'S FIVE-CARD TRICK

November 18, 1981: World Cup qualifier, Wembley — ENGLAND 1, HUNGARY 0 (Mariner).

May 25, 1982: Friendly, Wembley — ENGLAND 2, HOLLAND 0 (Mariner, Woodcock).

May 29, 1982: British Championship, Hampden Park — SCOTLAND 0, ENGLAND 1 (Mariner).

June 3, 1982: Friendly, Helsinki — FINLAND 1, ENGLAND 4 (Mariner 2, Robson 2).

June 16, 1982: World Cup, Bilbao — ENGLAND 3, FRANCE 1 (Mariner, Robson 2).

THE calculated gamble that produced a golden five-card trick for England!

That's how I reflect on the few months which touched the very extremes of fortune.

One minute I was in hospital with a serious ankle injury — my World Cup dreams balancing on a knife edge.

The next minute I was hailed as the first England player since Jimmy Greaves 21 years ago to score in five successive internationals.

It was an incredible few months when a

calculated gamble turned up trumps to elevate me to an exalted position alongside one of the country's greatest-ever goalscorers.

The story began to unfold on a damp, emotional night at Wembley on November 18 last year when England clinched a ticket to the World Cup Finals.

And it was my early goal against Hungary which set England on the way to the finals for the First time in 12 years.

In the circumstances, it was the most



A dream come true for Paul Mariner as he seals England's 3-1 victory over France in the opening match of the World Cup Finals just four months after an Achilles tendon operation threatened to shatter his dreams of playing in soccer's greatest event.





# ACES CUP GAMBLER

important goal of my life, and I can still remember the joy and excitement I felt when the ball squirmed into the net.

I remember Trevor Brooking slipping on the wet surface as he attempted a shot at goal following a free-kick.

The ball flew across the area and it just needed someone to react quickly to deflect it into the net.

It may have looked a scrappy goal, but I had to be very alert to make the most of the chance.

Then came the heart-rending decision to risk an Achilles tendon operation with the World Cup Finals just four months away.

The problems caused by the injury had increased over the months and the time had arrived to face the truth.

I decided to take the gamble, knowing that my dreams of playing in the World Cup Finals could be over.

British Championship matches against Northern Ireland and Wales drifted by as I continued my lonely battle back to fitness.

The first hurdle was cleared when England manager Ron Greenwood included me in his squad of 40, but I still had plenty to do before making it to Spain.

In many ways, I went on trial in the showpiece friendly with Holland at Wembley on May 26 . . . almost six months to the day after my glorious night as England's goal hero.

And I was more than satisfied with my return to the international scene with a second half goal that was probably my best-ever for England.

Graham Rix, who clinched a place in Spain with his second half showing against the

Dutch, slid the ball through and I bent a shot round the goalkeeper from the edge of the area.

At that moment, I felt I had one foot in Spain . . .

But the big test was still to come — a blood-curdling British Championship decider with Scotland at a packed Hampden Park.

I could have scored a hat-trick in the first 30 minutes, but I was happy with what proved the winning goal.

It was then that I felt had clinched my ticket to Spain.

The goals continued for me in Finland with two in the 4-1 warm-up victory.

The opener came from a Trevor Brooking corner, when I came off the line and sent a header wide of the 'keeper from seven yards.

And it was Trevor who provided the second for me on a plate with a neat chip to the far post.

And so to Spain and the World Cup Finals that had seemed a million miles away as I lay in a hospital bed just four months earlier.

Two brilliant goals from Bryan Robson set England on the way to a 3-1 opening victory over France, and I was on hand to seal the issue near the end.

Trevor Francis had a shot charged down but the ball ran through to me and I hammered it past Ettori to complete my nap hand for England.

At first, I thought I might have been off-side but, when I realised it was counting, I was too tired to celebrate in the stifling heat.

I did try to claim the second goal against



*The joy of scoring the most important goal of your career is illuminated by England's Paul Mariner after his Wembley winner against Hungary last season.*

Czechoslovakia when defender Barmos pushed my cross into his own net, but the FA wouldn't hear of it.

It wasn't a really serious suggestion but it would have been nice to have put myself ahead of the legendary Jimmy Greaves!

ENGLAND winger Peter Barnes is the only player to have followed in his father's footsteps by achieving a First Division hat-trick.

Peter scored his hat-trick for West Brom against Bolton on March 18, 1980, while father Ken achieved his for Manchester City against Everton on December 7, 1957.

Peter is seen in action in the picture on the right playing against Holland at Wembley last season. England won the match 2-0.

ALL Eric Wildon's first 18 League goals for Hartlepool in 1950-51, Wilfred Grant's first 19 for Cardiff in 1951-52 and 25 of Neville Coleman's 26 for Stoke in 1956-57 were scored in home games.

FOR more than sixty years the Central League has been formed by the reserve teams of Football League clubs, but that was not always the case. It was the League in which Crewe, Port Vale, Rochdale and Tranmere all played before entering the Football League.



# FANCY THAT

BROTHERS David and Bob Thomas were Plymouth's chief scorers in season 1946-47. So were the Allchurch brothers, Ivor and Len, with Swansea in 1957-58, and the Chamberlains, Mark and Neville, for Port Vale in 1980-81.



Neville Chamberlain — one of Port Vale's scoring brothers in 1980-81.

RONNIE ROOKE figured in only six of Crystal Palace's 46 Third Division matches in 1950-51, yet he finished as their joint leading scorer with five goals.

NO player ever made a more successful start to an international career than Preston star Tom Finney. England won all the first eight matches in which he played, starting in September 1946, and he scored in seven of them.

IN a full programme of 11 Second Division matches on September 11, 1959, there was only one home win — Aston Villa 3, Ipswich 1. There were eight away victories and two draws.

THE first four children of one-time Scottish international Joe Cassidy were born in different countries — the first in Scotland when he was with Celtic, the second in England at Bolton, the third in Wales with Cardiff and the fourth in Northern Ireland with Ballymena.

THREE successive F.A. Cup Finals — 1910, 1911 and 1912 — were drawn, but in sixty years since then the only finals involving replays were those between Chelsea and Leeds in 1969-70, Tottenham and Manchester City in 1980-81 and Tottenham and Q.P.R. last season.

FORMER Northampton manager Bill Dodgin provides the only case in history of a Football League club manager being both the son and nephew of men who did the job. Bill senior used to be in charge of Southampton, Fulham and Brentford, and his brother, Norman, managed Oldham and Barrow.

CELTIC skipper Danny McGrain, one of the select band to have won more than 50 full international caps for Scotland, says: "I've played my last game for my country."

The 32-year-old full-back, a larger-than-life figure in the Scottish camp with his fiery brand of leadership and dour, bearded features, told 'Match': "I was delighted to simply make the 22 for Spain — being asked to captain the squad was a great bonus."

Manager Jock Stein selected the ever-reliable McGrain to lead Scotland in their opening World Cup encounter against New Zealand, but described that team as very much a "one-off", and Danny missed the 4-1 defeat at the hands of Brazil and came on only as a substitute against Russia in Malaga, when the Scots' brave 2-2 draw failed to carry them through to phase two of the tournament.

Danny says: "We won back some of the pride lost in Argentina four years ago — a World Cup I missed through injury — and considering we played in what I believe was the hardest and literally, the hottest, of the first phase groups, we can look ahead to the European Championship with a degree of confidence."

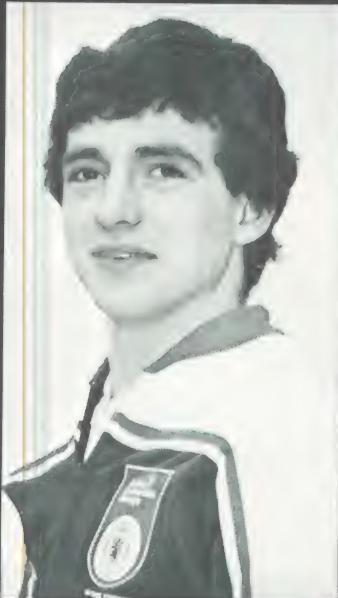
"But I'm man enough to know when my time is up. Jock Stein doesn't have to tell me and it's not a case of being dumped out or anyone saying: 'Thanks, Danny — now on yer bike.'

"There is a nucleus of six or seven players around which the team manager can build for the European Championships and the next World Cup.

"There is no love lost in



Celtic's Paul McStay — "He's going to be a world-beater," says Danny McGrain.



# DANNY CALLS TIME

football and I realise I cannot be part of Scotland's future; I'm experienced enough to appreciate that.

"My main priority now is to lead Celtic to a third successive League title and, to do that, I think we will have to overcome what I expect to be a formidable challenge from Aberdeen.

"They seem to get stronger and stronger and have been showing a lot of fight and a desire to go places.

"Dundee United and Rangers, of course, can never be discounted, but Aberdeen are the team I fear."

Danny, incidentally, invites 'Match' readers to keep a special eye on the progress of Celtic's teenage star Paul McStay — a 17-year-old with an attacking flair who draws great praise from his captain: "He's going to be a world-beater," enthuses Danny.

Danny, who joined the Parkhead club in 1967 from Maryhill Juniors and made his debut four years later, has an impressive collection of Scottish League, Cup and League Cup medals — numbering some 15 in all, and stands alongside Kenny Dalglish, Denis Law, Billy Bremner and George Young as Scots who have passed the half-century in international appearances. Danny has won more than 60 caps for his country.

He lives and breathes football and says: "I very much hope to stay in the game when my playing days at Parkhead are over, hopefully as a manager. If I fulfil that ambition, it will probably be in Scotland."

"After all, I have spent all my playing career in Scotland and have no particular desire to manage in England, even if such an opportunity arises."

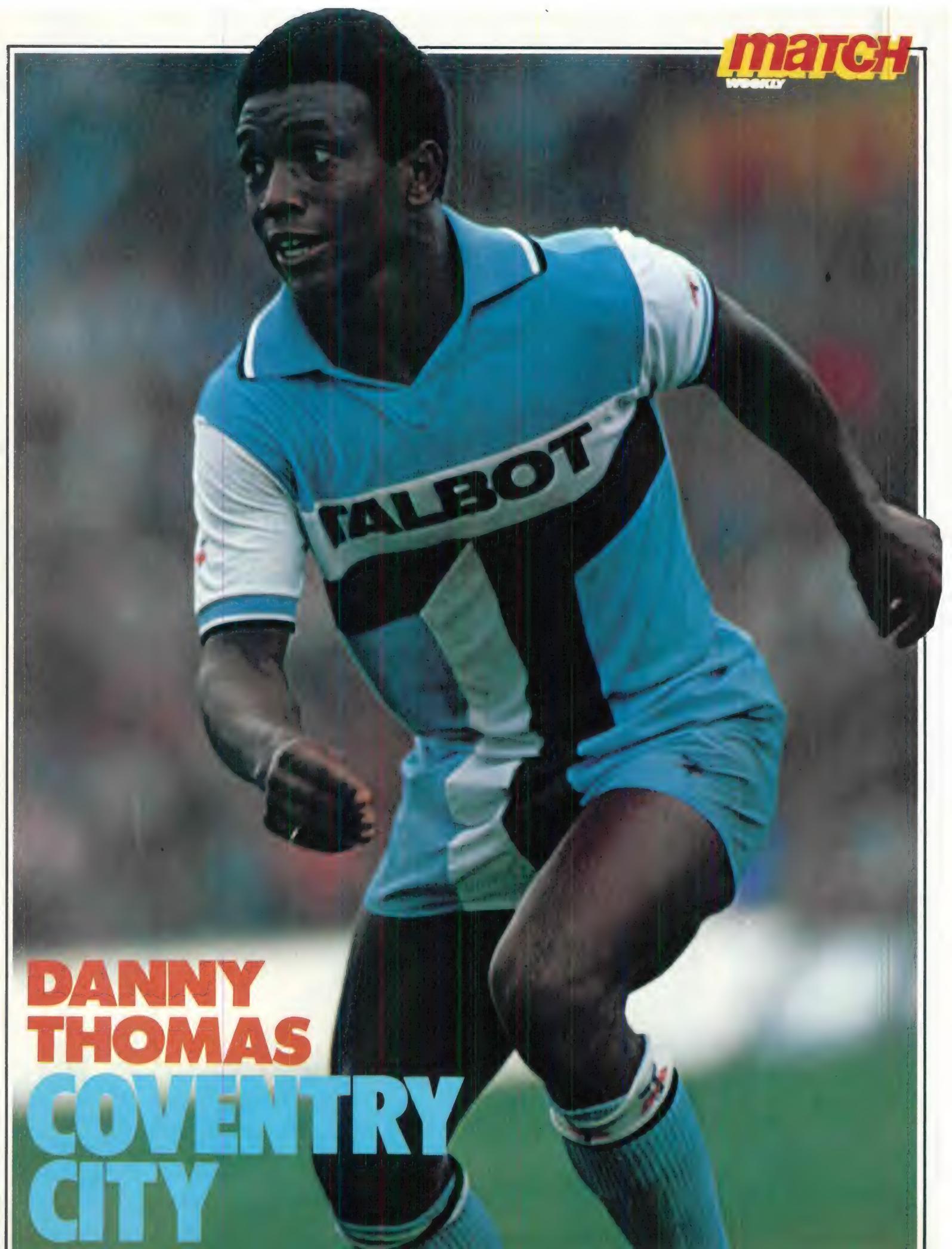
Could this be McGrain's last term in the famous green and white hoops of Celtic?

"That's hard to say," says Danny. "I'll keep playing while I can do a good job and keep at the right level of fitness."

What is for sure is that Glasgow-born Danny, 5ft 10ins of pure Scottish granite, will be giving his all to Scottish soccer for years to come.

Danny McGrain — "I'm man enough to know when my time is up."





**DANNY  
THOMAS**  
**COVENTRY  
CITY**

# WILLIE YOUNG

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# PENALTY KING!



**David Moss —**  
"Taking penalties is all a matter of confidence. I expect to score every time."

**On the spot with the League's penalty expert . . .**

**PENALTY** expert David Moss is confident about pitting his spot-kick wits against the country's top goalkeepers for the first time.

The Luton winger has scored 27 penalties in the last three seasons of Second Division football.

Now he is in the big league for the first time, he has the likes of Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence and Joe Corrigan staring him in the face from 12 yards.

But the former Swindon striker, whose 11 penalties last season nudged Luton towards the Second Division Championship, is confident of enjoying the same kind of success in the top flight.

"Whether you have Peter Shilton in goal or somebody from the Fourth Division, if you hit a penalty hard enough and accurately, then they should have no real chance," he says.

"If they do happen to guess right and save it, then good luck to them."

And David knows what he is talking about for, in the past three seasons, he has missed just three penalties, two in the League — against Grimsby and Newcastle — and the other in a cup-tie with Wrexham.

"It's all a matter of confidence. I've seen players take some great penalties in training, but in the heat of the moment in a game, they seem to freeze," says David.

"I expect to score from every penalty. If I didn't have that attitude, I wouldn't take them.

"All strikers should have the confidence to score from the

spot, and from my point of view, taking the kicks offers me a chance to boost my goal tally.

"I have no set pattern to penalties. I varied them quite a lot last season, but generally I aim to hit them hard and true.

"Apart from being confident in my ability, I'm not frightened of missing a penalty, and that's perhaps why I'm not worried about the responsibility."

David volunteered for the job four seasons ago when regular Luton penalty taker Lil Fucillo broke a leg, and from that moment he has never looked back.

"I took them in my early days at Swindon, but I lost the job when I missed a couple.

"So when Lil broke a leg, I offered to take the penalties at Luton.

"I think a manager prefers someone to volunteer rather than force someone to take them."

Of his eleven Second Division penalties last season, he selects three that were particularly important.

The first two were the winners against Crystal Palace and Blackburn in the space of a fortnight early in the season when Luton were setting their stall out at the top of the table.

And the other crucial penalty strike came in the season's climax when David scored what proved to be the winning goal in a 3-2 home win over Queen's Park Rangers which clinched the Championship for David Pleat's side.

So, First Division goalkeepers beware . . .

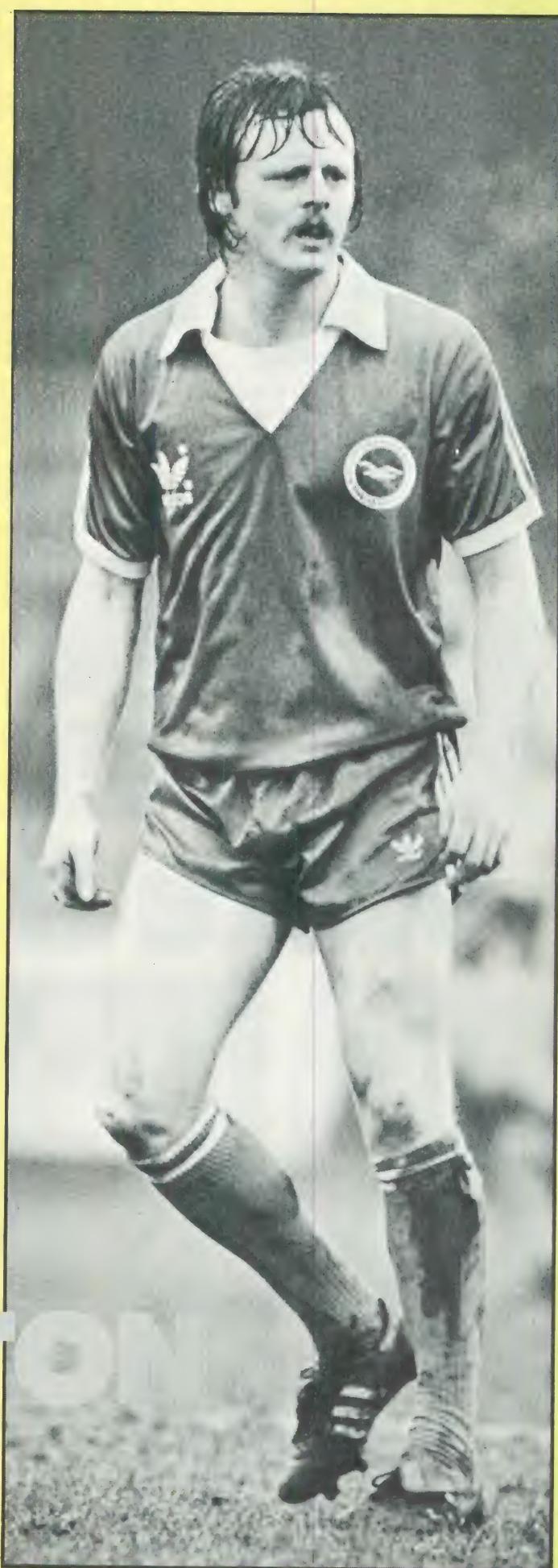
Player	Goals
David Moss (Luton)	11
Ray Stewart (West Ham)	10
Tony Kenworthy (Sheff. Utd)	9
Kevin Keegan (Southampton)	8
Tony Kellow (Exeter)	8
Luther Blissett (Watford)	8
Bob Doyle (Portsmouth)	7
George Shipley (Lincoln)	6
Tommy Tynan (Newport)	6
Neil Webb (Reading)	6
Barry Gallagher (Bradford)	6
Ian Allinson (Colchester)	6
Steve Lynex (Leicester)	6
Nick Chatterton (Millwall)	6

**LEADING LEAGUE PENALTY TAKERS LAST SEASON**

## Spotlight on Brighton's former Scottish under-21 international . . .

**FULL NAME:** Neil McNab.  
**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** Greenock/June 4, 1957.  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5ft. 7ins./10st. 10lbs.  
**MARRIED:** Yes, to Julie.  
**CHILDREN:** Twins Neil and Joe.  
**CAR:** Capri.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Morton, Spurs and Bolton.  
**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** None.  
**CLUB NICKNAME:** 'Shuey'.  
**WORST EVER INJURY:** A series of ankle injuries at Spurs four years ago.  
**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:** Frank Worthington (Leeds). He's just a class player.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Rangers.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Diego Maradona (Argentina). He's in a world of his own.  
**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** Shilton (Eng.), McGrain (Scot.), Cooper, Moore, Charlton J. (all Eng.), Bremner (Scot.), Charlton R. (Eng.), Baxter, Johnston I., Law (Scot.), Best (N. Ire.).  
**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:** Shilton, McGrain, Breitner (W. Ger.), Moore, Beckenbauer (W. Ger.), Cruyff (Holland), Maradona (Argentina), Rivelino (Brazil), Best, Pele (Brazil), Kempes (Argentina).  
**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Ibrox Park.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:** Rome.  
**BEST GOAL SCORED:** A volley against Coventry three seasons ago.  
**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** By Frank Worthington for Bolton against Ipswich.  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Terry Hibbitt (Newcastle).  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** Playing for Spurs in their 9-0 win over Bristol Rovers in October 1977.  
**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** Wearing a blue jersey for Scotland Under-21's.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Not playing for Scotland at full international level.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Golf, pool, tennis and snooker.  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Good food and watching television.  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Listening to Jimmy Hill!  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Fawlty Towers and Not The Nine O'Clock News.  
**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:** Dr Who.  
**FAVOURITE READING:** Daily papers.  
**FAVOURITE POP STAR:** Sheena Easton.  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Steak or Italian food.  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Wine.  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Greece.  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Jack Nicholson and Twiggy.  
**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** 'Airplane'.  
**BEST FRIEND:** My brother Paul.  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My dad.  
**WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:** Most referees in English football.  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Eggs.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Scottish Schoolboy, Youth and Under-21 international caps.  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** Not to have to worry about money when I finish playing.

**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To play for Scotland and win something with Brighton.  
**PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Mark Fleet — a youngster at Brighton.  
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Pamela Stephenson.  
**ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:** Watch and play as much as you can.



# THE LAST £1 MILLION

NEW England hero Bryan Robson could be the last £1 million footballer in this country.

With clubs in grave financial straits and players' freedom of contract having had the effect of shrinking fees, the era of the seven-figure player appears to be over... for the time being at least.

There were eleven £1 million deals in the space of 20 months over the past two and a half seasons, but there hasn't been one since Robson's record-busting £1.7 million move to Manchester United in October last year.

Nine different players were involved in those deals, seven of them strikers, with Trevor Francis and Clive Allen the subject of two each.

There has been considerable debate over the wisdom of such massive outlays on individual players ever since Trevor Francis set the trend with the first £1 million move in February 1979 when leaving Birmingham for Nottingham Forest.

Some argue that inflated prices of players is a form of committing financial suicide and that clubs rarely get value for money.

Others counter that in certain cases clubs balance the books by making way for their 'super stars', and point to club successes or improvement

**NOTTINGHAM** Forest manager Brian Clough rocked British soccer almost four years ago when he agreed to pay £1 million for the services of Trevor Francis.

**There have since been ten more seven-figure deals — three of them involving Forest — but the days of the millionaire moves may be numbered...**

to underline the manager's judgement.

Most of the deals have involved strikers, but the pressures of carrying such a heavy price tag has often resulted in them being pale shadows of their proven selves.

For example, young Clive Allen suffered the soul destroying experience of being signed for £1 million and then sold within the space of two summer months without kicking a ball in anger for Arsenal.

England full-back Kenny Sansom was involved in the £1 million swap that took Allen to Crystal Palace in August 1980.

But, in effect, Clive's 25 Second Division appearances that season cost Palace around £40,000 a game, and he managed only one goal

every three outings.

Up to the end of last season, the nine £1 million players had played a total of 542 League games between them for their respective clubs and scored 145 goals.

Remembering that seven of them are strikers, that averages out at less than one goal every four matches from each of the 'millionaires'.

If results are judged solely on goals, then one is left to wonder whether they have lived up to their exalted images.

The two midfield players were purchased by the Manchester giants, Steve Daley joining City from Wolves and Robson moving to United last season from West Brom.

Daley joined the soccer trail to America in

## Were they worth



Bryan Robson — England's star in the World Cup Finals.



Clive Allen — transferred by Arsenal without kicking a ball in anger.



Kenny Sansom — involved in the deal that took Allen to Crystal Palace.



Justin Fashanu — £32,000 an outing for Forest last season.

# OF THE MEN?

February last year after making just 48 appearances for City at a cost of around £20,000 a game.

After his performances in the World Cup Finals, Robson looks to be value for money for United, although he managed only five goals in 32 games last season.

The talented player said at the time of his move: "I'll have to try not to think about the price. Anyway, it doesn't really affect the players, they can't help what money clubs decide on."

Now, taking a look at the seven £1 million strikers, only England's Trevor Francis has produced the goods on a consistent basis despite injury problems.

His 70 League games for Forest cost around £14,000 each, but he produced a goal every two and a half games.

And he bagged the priceless European Cup Final winner against Malmö.

He scored 12 goals in 26 games for Manchester City last season after his second £1 million transfer, but he has handled the pressure of two big moves.

"When I left Birmingham for Forest I had doubts because I was the first player to cost that much," he said after joining City.

"Every player who has moved for a seven figure

fee has said that no-one is really worth that money.

"I think I agree, but I don't fix the fees, and I know I can handle the pressure."

Up to the start of this season, the rest of the £1 million strikers have not achieved the same distinctions in terms of producing an end product in a regular sequence.

Big Justin Fashanu has probably been the most disappointing with just three goals in 31 games last season after leaving Norwich for Nottingham Forest — that's one goal every ten games as a cost of around £32,000 an outing.

Garry Birtles scored just 11 goals in 61 appearances for Manchester United after his move from Nottingham Forest, that's one goal every six games at a cost of around £16,000 a match.

Forest's other £1 million striker, Ian Wallace, had 20 goals from 65 matches, that's one every three and a half games at around £15,000 a game.

Manchester City's Kevin Reeves, ever-present last season, had scored 26 goals in 90 games since his move from Norwich. That's one goal every three and a half games at around £10,000 per game.

Injury-troubled Andy Gray had a comparable record. He had 26 goals in 90 games for Wolves.



Trevor Francis — 12 goals last season. His move set the trend.

## £1 million?



Garry Birtles — one goal every six games for United.



Steve Daley — cost Manchester City around £20,000 a game.



Kevin Reeves — ever-present for Manchester City last season.



Andy Gray — injury troubled and now in the Second Division.

# INDESTRUCTIBLE!

## That's York boss Denis Smith

YOU can bet there were a few Fourth Division strikers who spluttered over their breakfast when they read of old Stoke City warhorse Denis Smith's new job . . . player-manager at York City.

Whenever people talk about the hard men of football, you can be sure the name of Denis Smith will crop up. His 19 years at Stoke have guaranteed his place in soccer's folklore.

He has demonstrated his loyalty, toughness and will-to-win on countless occasions. Who else would still be playing in the most gruelling league in the world after suffering 19 fractures.

Yes, that's right — 19 years with one club, 19 broken bones and, at the age of 35, ready for anything Fourth Division soccer can throw at him!

So it's little wonder if the Division Four's top marksmen recoiled at the prospect of facing Smith the indestructible.

Hard, but fair, that's Denis's reputation in the game. And, as he says, "Having a record

like mine doesn't mean you're a nasty piece of work — off the field or on it."

Stoke-born Denis, who made his debut for the Potteries club in 1968, has bounced back from every conceivable type of injury, including the footballer's nightmare, a broken leg.

Indeed, after badly damaging a knee seven years ago, he decided to do some serious thinking about his future . . .

"I had always liked the idea of going into management and decided it would be a good idea to take the Football Association's coaching course, which I successfully completed, obtaining my full badge, in 1979.

"Sharing the course with me were Roy McFarland, Martin Dobson, Bruce Rioch and Ian Porterfield, so I was in formidable company and I'd like to think the success enjoyed by Roy and Ian as managers, with Bradford and Sheffield United respectively, augurs well for my future at York.

"After the departure of York's previous manager, Barry Lyons, in January, I went along for a month's trial period playing and coaching.

### Friendly

"When the player-manager job was offered, I was keen to give it a go.

"There is much about the club which impresses me. The directors are very keen and want to do well.

"And, just as there was at Stoke, there's a friendly, family atmosphere running through the place."

York, not untypically for the Fourth Division, have a small playing staff — just 14 players under contract shortly before the start of the season.

They finished the last campaign in an uncomfortably low position, four points above the re-election bracket, and Denis says: "Obviously, things were not quite right on the playing side.

"But the club, like so many



Denis Smith — "Having a record like mine doesn't mean you are a nasty piece of work — on the field or off it."

others, has to watch its money carefully so I've had to be sensible.

"However, I hope by now I've got the right blend of youth and experience to win us promotion. And, believe me, I want us to earn success with an attacking approach.

"Like many defenders who have gone into management, I aimed to do what people might least expect — go out and adopt an entertaining and positive approach."

Denis believes he has two nuggets in his attack who will make a big impression this season — Keith Walwyn and John Byrne.

He says of them: "Walwyn is tough, strong, quick, brave and very skilful. Byrne, too, is a fine player who is always liable to score goals.

"I'm a great believer in attack being the best form of defence and these two should

do us proud."

Walwyn, who notched 23 times last season, is one of the most feared strikers in the division and a great favourite at Bootham Crescent.

Denis played more than 400 League matches for Stoke, the best part of 500 in total, and was recalled from his role as reserve team coach to bolster their bid for First Division survival last season.

He persuaded the experienced Viv Busby to join him at York as first team coach and together they mean to put this historic and beautiful city back on the soccer map.

Iron man Smith could be the man to do it, too; especially if his do-or-die spirit rubs off on his players.

It's a tall order, but Denis's parting shot in his interview with 'Match' was typical. "Just watch the results . . ."



Bradford City manager Roy McFarland was on the same coaching course as new York boss Denis Smith.

# 'I should have scored more goals' says Sunderland

ALAN Sunderland can't remember how many goals he scored last season. And he's in no hurry to find out.

Although he was happy with his all-round play, he's only too aware that Arsenal's goal tally is the black mark that marred his end of term report.

He holds his hands up and shoulders his share of the blame for the team's measly total of 48.

He freely admits he could, and should, have done better.

But when pounded by the other criticism that came Arsenal's way last season, Sunderland is ready to fire back, all guns blazing.

"They said we had a crisis and were boring, but we finished fifth in the League and that's pretty good in a season of transition," Alan says.

"We blooded a lot of youngsters and towards the end it started to come together.

"There was that 4-3 thriller with Aston Villa and a 1-1 draw with Liverpool that could have ended 6-4 and showed there doesn't have to be a lot of goals for the game to be entertaining.

"Sure we had problems and the Press never let us forget them, but they seemed more concerned than the players.

"You need a lot of luck in football and that's something we never had.

"I'm not looking for excuses or trying to dodge my responsibilities.

## Alan shoulders his share of the blame

"I realise that as the senior striker I did not score enough goals, but I felt the goal touch returning near the end after I vowed to work harder.

"I don't mean physical work or making more runs off the ball. I'm talking about a determination to get into the box more often and get on the end of crosses.

"Basically it was a question of being more selfish in and around the box."

Alan felt the draught created by the departure of Frank Stapleton more than any other 'Gunner'.

Amazingly it was a name that cropped up in the Arsenal match reports nearly as much as those of his new club Manchester United as the critics probed the reasons behind the Highbury 'crisis'.

"Frank was missed both as a goalscorer and a team player," Alan says.

"If you've got two front players with the sort of understanding we had and the defence is going through a tough time they know they've only to bang the ball upfield and things will happen.

"My links with Frank went back over three and a half years and it was difficult for me to adjust when he'd gone.

"I was still doing the things we were used to, playing one-two's around the box and spinning for the returns, but this time they never came.

"We are not all individuals like former Manchester United star George Best who could create goals out of nothing.

"But if you can reach a high level of understanding as a twosome then you are already one up on the defenders.

"I had so many different partners last season I couldn't hope to find another understanding.

"That's not a criticism of the management. We weren't scoring enough goals and changes had to be made. I suppose I can take comfort and

Top: Alan Sunderland — "I had so many different partners up front last season I couldn't hope to forge an understanding."

Above: Tony Woodcock — his strengths are speed, fitness and close control.

Left: Frank Stapleton — missed both as a goalscorer and a team player.

confidence in the fact that I was the one to stay in the side."

Arsenal's purchase of Tony Woodcock from Cologne has given Alan the opportunity to form another partnership and although he admits they are similar players he does not see it as a barrier.

"It's not as clear cut as that. You can't say a big man plays better alongside someone smaller because they may not compliment each other in their style of play.

"Tony is a different player to Frank and you can't describe him as Frank's replacement.

"Tony's strengths are speed, fitness and his close control which has improved under man-to-man marking in Germany.

"Frank is equally good in the air or on the ground.

"People say if you are strong in the air it takes away from your skill on the ground, but it's not true as far as Frank is concerned."

"I'm just hoping Tony and I can get an understanding going to help us get among the honours this season."





# THAT'S

ACTION highlights from last season's Cup Finals . . .  
TOP LEFT: Queen's Park Rangers Terry Fenwick (red shirted number two) wheels away in delight after scoring his extra-time equaliser against Spurs in the FA Cup Final at Wembley. For the second year running a replay was needed . . .  
LEFT: Aberdeen goalkeeper Jim Leighton tips the ball over the bar from Rangers' Colin McAdam (blue shirt) as Alex McLeish races in. Aberdeen won this Scottish FA Cup Final clash 4-1.  
BOTTOM LEFT: Aston Villa's Peter Withe beats Bayern Munich goalkeeper





# FINAL!

Manfred Muller to keep the European Cup in England for the sixth year in succession.

TOP RIGHT: The FA Cup stays at White Hart Lane. 'Match Weekly' columnist Glenn Hoddle sends Queen's Park Rangers' goalkeeper Peter Hucker the wrong way from the penalty spot to score the Wembley replay winner.

BOTTOM RIGHT: The League Cup is snatched from Spurs' grasp. Ray Clemence is beaten by a shot from Liverpool's Ronnie Whelan to make the score 1-1 in the dying minutes. Liverpool went on to win 3-1 in extra time.



# OLD KING GOAL

THE king of goals has moved his court.

And Second Division defences beware because that is the province Bryan 'Pop' Robson is aiming to conquer this season with Chelsea.

The 36-year-old goal addict, a scourge of goalkeepers for the past twenty years, returned to London with the distinction of being the top collector of goals still operating in the Football League.

During the course of last season, when he spearheaded Carlisle to promotion from the Third Division, he took his tally of League goals to 253.

With 623 League games to his credit in spells with Newcastle, Sunderland (twice), West Ham (twice) and Carlisle, he has been scoring, on average, one goal every two-and-a-half matches throughout his distinguished career.

He's a goal poacher extraordinaire, a player with a sharp eye for a goal who, without question, was one of the best uncapped strikers of his era.

Now success-starved Chelsea are hoping they will reap the benefits of his vast knowledge and goal sense in a new management partnership with John Neal.

So what's the secret of Pop's phenomenal appetite for goals that has been sustained through his popular periods in London and his native North East?

"Obviously you need the knack of being in the right place at the right time and a lot of that comes with experience," explains the goal ace.

"But the most important attribute is anticipating danger and sensing defensive mistakes that you can cash in on.

"For example, Brazil's Zico was the quickest to react when a free kick rebounded from the crossbar against Argentina in the World Cup Finals.

"In other words, he sensed a chance was in the making and reacted quicker than the defenders."

## Gems

Bryan's store of goals is a veritable Aladdin's cave of gems, some more crucial than others, but most the product of a man whose poaching instincts rival that of Jimmy Greaves.

When talking of important goals, he relates the case of his 253rd in the last game of last season when Carlisle needed to win at Chester to achieve promotion.

Bryan popped up with the only goal of the match — "It was one of my usual tap-ins" — and then, a few weeks later, he quit his player-coach role in controversial circumstances after a disagreement with the directors over policy.

Bryan Robson — the top goal-getter still operating in the Football League



## Stamford Bridge is the new 'Pop' scene

As Bryan recalls: "It would have been a tragedy for the club had they not been promoted because we had been in the top three for most of the season."

Bryan also fondly remembers an important point-saving goal for Sunderland at Cardiff two years ago which helped the Roker side back into the First Division.

"We had to get something out of the match and I was fortunate enough to save the day with a second half equaliser.

Although Bryan specialises in close-up goals — "I'm deadly from two yards," he quips — he has been known to bulge the back of the net with long-range blockbusters.

A searing volley at Wrexham during his second spell at West Ham ranks as his favourite.

"I controlled the ball with one foot and, in one movement, volleyed it with the other from about 17 yards. It was rated as one of the ITV goals of the season."

"I can also recall a couple of 25-yard efforts for Newcastle in European Fairs Cup games with Sporting Lisbon and Real Zaragoza in the sixties."

But the goal that meant most to him was his very first in League football.

"It came on my debut for Newcastle in the Second Division at Charlton when I slid home a cross from about eight yards," he says.

"There was nothing special about it, but it was a tremendous feeling to score on my League debut."

During his two decades in League football, Bryan has crossed swords with some of the country's top defenders and attempted to outwit the greatest of goalkeepers.

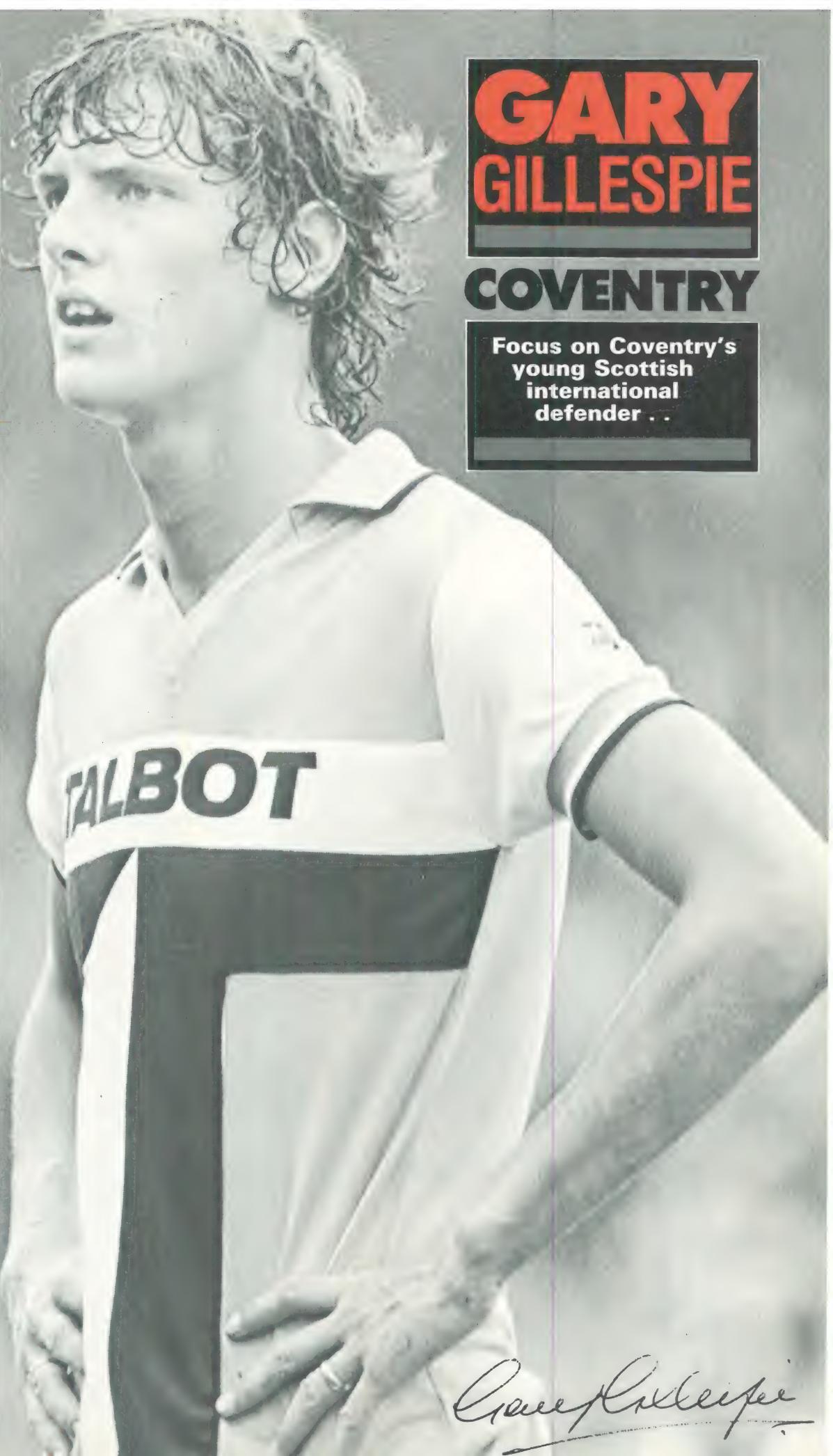
## Bruises

"Liverpool's Tommy Smith was always a tough customer, I think I still have the bruises to prove it, while Norman Hunter was completely underrated in my book. He was a great defender."

In the goalkeeping world, England trio Gordon Banks, Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence, and Arsenal's former Scottish international Bob Wilson, are at the top of his list.

"I've had most problems with Peter Shilton over the years. He's very dedicated and agile and quick off his line. He doesn't give you too many chances."

**FULL NAME:** Gary Thomson Gillespie.  
**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** Bonnybridge, Scotland/July 5, 1960.  
**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 6ft. 2½ins./12st. 4lbs.  
**MARRIED:** Yes, to Susan.  
**CAR:** Talbot Solaro.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** Falkirk.  
**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** Bank clerk.  
**CLUB NICKNAME:** 'Gaz'.  
**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:** Kenny Dalglish — he was my boyhood hero.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Celtic.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Diego Maradona (Argentina) — because he's so special.  
**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** Celtic's 1967 European Cup-winning side: Simpson, Craig, Gemmill, Murdoch, McNeill, Clark, Johnstone, Wallace, Chalmers, Auld, Lennox.  
**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:** Banks (England), Alberto (Brazil), Breitner, Beckenbauer (West Germany), Holton, Bremner (Scotland), Charlton R. (England), Cruyff (Holland), Pele (Brazil), Law (Scotland), Best (N. Ireland).  
**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Roker Park.  
**BEST GOAL SCORED:** Last season for Scotland Under-21's.  
**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** Alan Mullery for Fulham against Leicester.  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** Alan Brazil (Ipswich).  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** League Cup Semi-Final against West Ham, 1980-81.  
**OWN MAGIC MOMENT IN FOOTBALL:** Captaining Scotland Under-21's.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing League Cup Semi-Final, 1980-81.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Golf, darts and snooker.  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** All sports and painting.  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Gardening and housework.  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Pro-Celebrity Golf.  
**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:** Coronation Street/Emmerdale Farm.  
**FAVOURITE READING:** Mysteries.  
**FAVOURITE POP STAR:** I'm not really into music.  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Indian.  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Tea and lager.  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** America.  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:** Donald Pleasance, Peter Sellers/Jane Fonda, Katherine Ross.  
**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** Zombies Dawn Of The Dead.  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE OF CAREER:** My old Coventry club-mate Jim Holton.  
**WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:** People who constantly knock the game and yet know very little about it.  
**SUPERSTITIONS:** Put shorts on last.  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Soup or roast chicken.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** Scottish youth and Under-21 caps.  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To win the FA Cup.  
**PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** Sheffield Wednesday striker Gary Bannister.  
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Billy Connolly.



# GARY GILLESPIE

## COVENTRY

Focus on Coventry's young Scottish international defender ...

*Gary Gillespie*

# STEVE'S



**LIFTING the FA Cup with Manchester United back in 1977 has to be the highlight of my seven years at Old Trafford.**

It was an extra sweet moment for us all, because the year before we'd gone to Wembley as red hot favourites to beat Second Division Southampton in the Final.

But as everyone knows, Lawrie McMenemy's side pulled off one of the shock results of the FA Cup when they beat us 1-0 with a goal from Bobby Stokes.

And yet, as we were reeling from that defeat, we all had the feeling that we'd be back at Wembley in 12 months time . . . and sure enough we were.

This time our task seemed much tougher. We faced mighty Liverpool and started the game as underdogs.

We were very much in awe of our Merseyside opponents. After all they'd just clinched the League Championship and were also in the Finals of the European Cup.

## Treble

But we stopped them clinching a fantastic treble with a 2-1 victory at Wembley thanks to goals from strikers Stuart Pearson and Jimmy Greenhoff.

I've got to be honest and say that I can't really remember much about that glorious afternoon in May. Everything went so quickly that the memory is just a blur.

It was just a joyous occasion, and the players were so relieved that they had returned to Wembley and laid the ghost of the Southampton Final.

I've been involved in three FA Cup Finals with Manchester United and there's no doubt that the most dramatic was the astonishing game in 1979 against 'The Gunners' of Arsenal.

The match was unreal. We just didn't get started and at half-time goals from Brian Talbot and Frank Stapleton — now at United of course — had given Arsenal a comfortable 2-0 lead.

With just five minutes to go, big Gordon McQueen stuck out his left foot in a United attack and made it 2-1. We had hope!

What happened next was incredible. Just 60 seconds later Sammy McIlroy popped up and equalised!

I can remember rushing over to the Northern Ireland star and hugging him for all I was worth. I



*Gordon McQueen — gave us hope when he made the score 2-1 at Wembley in 1979 in an astonishing match.*

just couldn't believe we were back in the game.

But that wasn't the end of the sensation, because with less than a minute to go — and the United players convinced extra-time was inevitable — Alan Sunderland stunned us with a last gasp goal to make it 3-2.

In the space of a minute, we were tossed from the heights of elation to the depths of disappointment. Our cup dreams had suddenly crumbled. We were all totally shattered.

I'm convinced that if the game had gone into extra-time we'd have lifted the Cup. The Arsenal players were beginning to tire while we were finding new life.

The banquet after the game was a very low affair. The players were drained mentally and physically.

On our way to Wembley we've been involved in some cracking semi-finals. One that I particularly remember was my first against Derby in 1976.

# MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

## STEVE COPPELL'S GOLDEN YEARS AT OLD TRAFFORD

The reason I remember it so well wasn't so much because of the game itself, but my own preparations for the tie at Hillsborough.

The head waiter at our hotel invited myself, Tommy Docherty and winger Gordon Hill to go shooting on the eve of the game.

Gordon was keen on shooting, but I'd never lifted a gun in my life. Anyway 'The Doc' and I decided to go along for the fun of it.

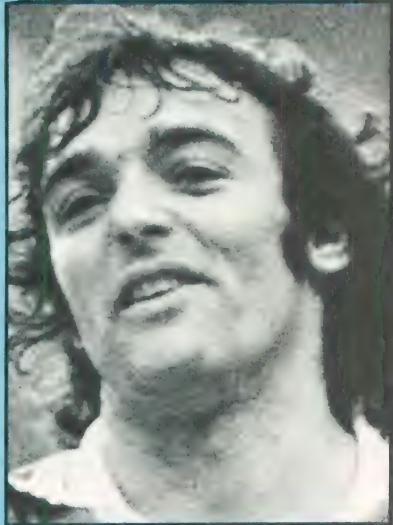
Although we walked miles and miles through the countryside we didn't shoot a thing. The next morning my legs were so stiff and heavy I wondered how I'd get through the game.

It didn't have the same effect on Gordon because he played a blinder and scored both goals in our 2-0 win.

I rate Gordon as the most gifted player I've ever played with. It was such a pity that he didn't make more of his career at Old Trafford because I believe he could have become a United great. But, like so many instinctive geniuses, he was a little wayward.

Gordon was a typical cockney — witty and full of life. I used to wonder where he got all his energy from. He was famous for his impersonations of Norman Wisdom — he used to have us falling about with laughter.

The team that got to the Cup Final in 1976 was the pick of the Tommy Docherty sides. That season every game was a joy to play in — we were young and full of confidence.



*Lou Macari — he had a fabulous season in midfield in 1976. That year saw the pick of the Tommy Docherty sides and every game was a joy to play in.*

*Right: Jimmy Greenhoff — scored one of the goals as we beat Liverpool 2-1 in the 1977 FA Cup Final. That victory has to be the highlight of my time at Old Trafford.*

**That was my first full season at the club and our first back in the top flight. We finished third in the League and made it to Wembley.**

**At the back there was the vastly experienced Alex Stepney in goal. He was the old man of the team, but he looked after us in a lot of ways.**

**When I used to watch United from the terraces I**

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# STEVE'S MAGNIFICENT SEVEN

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never classed him in the same bracket as George Best or Bobby Charlton, but I changed my mind when I played alongside him.

He was a smashing goalkeeper and had an important authority over the whole defence. His presence at the back was vital to us.

Alex was also the best five-a-side player I've ever seen. His goalscoring record in those games was unbelievable.

In front of him there was another Alex — Scotsman Alex Forsyth. He was a great little full-back and had an explosive shot.

Lou Macari and Gerry Daly had a fabulous season in midfield and up front Stuart Pearson was in cracking form.

We were an unconventional team because we didn't have any big men in the side. The tallest outfield player was only 5ft 10ins.

In many ways we typified Tommy Docherty's character and I thoroughly enjoyed playing in that team.

Obviously it was a big disappointment when Tommy left the club, but a lot was expected with the arrival of Dave Sexton.

Unfortunately it never really worked out — even though we finished the 1979-80 season as First Division runners-up.

**The ever-popular England and Manchester United star re-lives the highlights of his seven years with the 'Red Devils'.**

That year we didn't really excite the crowds and our League position didn't really reflect our performances.

Since joining United on February 28, 1975 for £40,000 I've scored more than 50 goals for the club. The best was against Norwich in November 1979 at Old Trafford.

We beat 'The Canaries' 5-0 and I'll always remember my effort because it was a left foot shot which screamed into the net.

I've always maintained that if I catch the ball right with my left I can hit the ball just as hard as I can with my other foot. That day I proved it.

The build up to the goal was scrappy and when I got hold of the ball there wasn't much else on but to have a crack. When I did it was something special.

I've talked about my highlights on the field at United, but haven't yet mentioned the big day when I actually signed for the club.

I was in my second year at University and playing in the Third Division for Tranmere on a part-time basis when I got the magical call.

I simply didn't believe the Tranmere secretary when he told me that Manchester United manager Tommy Docherty wanted to speak to me. I thought he was joking.

I met 'The Doc' that afternoon and he said he wanted to sign me, but that I was to go home and talk it over with my parents before I put pen to paper.

I didn't have much sleep that night! I was so excited about the prospect of going to such a world famous club.

When I actually signed Tommy Docherty dropped a bombshell. He told me he'd never watched me play!

The early days at Old Trafford were a bit difficult for me because I never really got to know the rest of the lads. I only trained with them



once a week.

Tommy Docherty insisted that I kept up my studies and this meant I trained part-time with Tranmere.

I was very much in awe of the star names round me, but Brian Greenhoff helped me tremendously. He took me under his wing and helped me settle down.

I'm hoping that I've got a fair few highlights still to enjoy with Manchester United. This season we've got a really strong squad and something pretty drastic will have to go wrong if we're not to win anything.

● Don't miss Steve Coppell's regular columns — only in 'Match Weekly'. It's on sale every Wednesday.



Tommy Docherty — he dropped a bombshell when I signed for United.



My team mate Frank Stapleton in his Arsenal days — he helped the 'Gunners' into a 2-0 lead in the 1979 FA Cup Final.

# STUNNED!

## UNWANTED WHITE STARTS AGAIN

ON the opening day of last season, Steve White's only thoughts after scoring in a 3-0 home win over Charlton concerned helping Luton into the First Division.

Nine months later, the dream had become reality. Luton were crowned Second Division Champions and 18-goal Steve savoured the champagne scenes at Kenilworth Road as the fans eagerly awaited the arrival of the Liverpools and Manchester Uniteds.

But just a month before Luton kicked-off their First Division life in style against FA Cup holders Tottenham, Steve was stunned with the news that he had got to do it all over again.

He suddenly found himself back in the Second Division with Charlton — the London club's talented young striker Paul Walsh wearing Steve's old shirt in the White Hart Lane pipe-opener.

So instead of appearing at one of the country's most fashionable establishments for a glittering First Division debut, Steve lined-up in the red of Charlton at Leicester, starting all over again on the long road to the big time.

And he hopes that same path he trod last season will again be paved with gold as he attempts to achieve his lifelong goal with the new-look 'Valiants'.

"You never know, my First Division debut might only be delayed a year," says an optimistic Steve, an £80,000 makeweight in the £350,000 deal.

"Charlton are very ambitious with tremendous potential, and I can only see them going one way, and that's up."

"Apart from myself, they have signed Carl Harris from Leeds and Terry Bullivant from Aston Villa, and they are all geared for

success."

But 23-year-old Steve admits that in agreeing to the move he had to make the most difficult decision of his life.

"I couldn't believe it when Luton manager David Pleat told me he didn't want me," he recalls with some anger.

"He made it clear that he wanted Paul Walsh and said he knew that Charlton wouldn't hear of any deal unless I was prepared to join them.

"He told me that if I stayed I would not be in his first team plans and would be regarded simply as good reserve cover.

"I showed loyalty to the club for three seasons, never missed one second of any match last term, scored 19 League and cup goals and made another ten.

"But they didn't show me any loyalty at all. I'm really sick about the way I was treated."

"I was 50-50 about the move at first, but in the end the truth of the matter was that Luton didn't want me and Charlton did, so I agreed to the move.

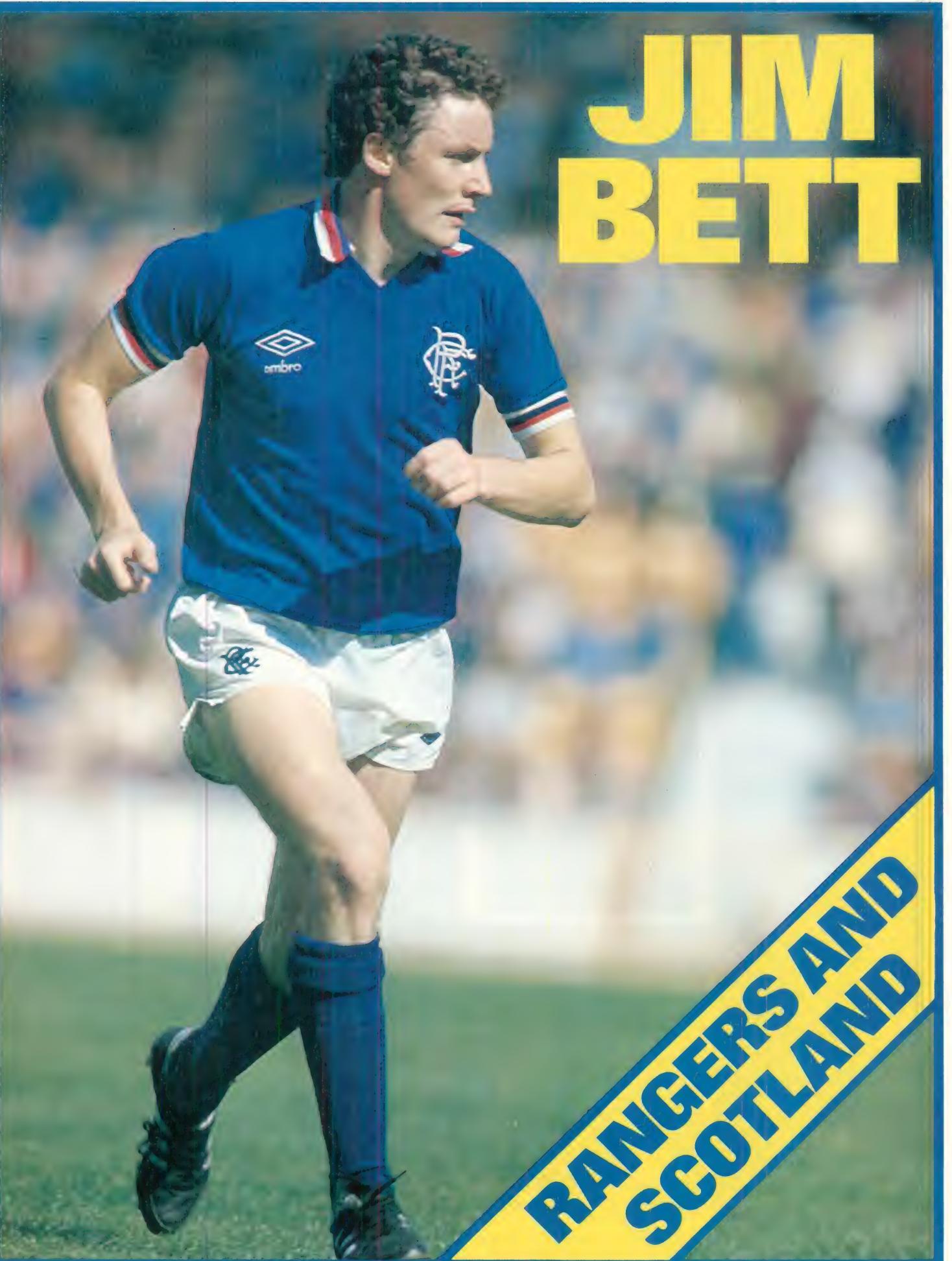
"But I'm only 23 and if I'm good enough then my chance in the First Division will come."



Right: Steve White — "Luton didn't show me any loyalty at all."

Above: Paul Walsh — he took Steve's place at Luton in a player-exchange plus cash deal.





# JIM BETT

RANGERS AND  
SCOTLAND



**GEORGE  
McCLUSKEY CELTIC**

# DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER? DO YOU KNOW

Are you a soccer expert? Test your football knowledge by trying to solve our puzzles and quizzes. When you've answered all the questions, turn to page 126 to see how many you got right.

## SPOT THE DIFFERENCE

How observant are you? Well here's a chance to test yourself with our 'Spot the Difference' competition.

The two drawings may look identical but there are ten deliberate differences.

Mark the alterations on picture B and turn to page 126 to see if you are right.

A



B



## PICTURE PUZZLER

### PLAYER JUMBLE

Below are the names of six famous footballers but the letters have been jumbled up. Can you name our chosen stars?

- 1 NEKYN OSMANS
- 2 EEPTR HTWIE
- 3 TVEES SFTORE
- 4 NOEMA FOKEEE
- 5 LLSRUES ASOMN
- 6 NYEKN GALDHSIL

## ANYONE FOR TENNIS?

Can you name this famous First Division footballer enjoying one of his favourite other sports?

It's a goal but can you answer the following questions about the match in which it was scored?

- 1 Which two teams were taking part?
- 2 What was the competition?
- 3 Who is the goalscorer?
- 4 What was the final score?
- 5 Who had the losers of this match defeated in the previous round?
- 6 Who are the five players pictured?



# DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER?

# YOUR SOCCER? DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER?

## SPOT THE BALL



Frans Thijssen of Ipswich scores against Aberdeen in the 1981 UEFA Cup competition . . . but where's the ball?  
It's under circle A, B, C, D or E but do you know which one?

## BLANKETY BLANK

CAN you fill in the missing spaces in the following football facts?

1 — Tottenham beat ..... to win the FA Cup for the second successive time last season.

2 Chesterfield play at the ..... Ground.

3 Aston Villa's Dennis Mortimer began his career with .....

4 ..... scored both goals to earn Italy their place in the 1982 World Cup Final.

5 ..... beat Nottingham Forest to win the League Cup in 1980.

6 Port Vale are nicknamed the .....

7 ..... finished bottom of the Scottish Premier Division last season.

8 ..... was the top scorer in Division Three last season.

9 Aberdeen are nicknamed ..... and play at ..... stadium.

10 West Germany beat ..... to become European Champions in 1980.

**A**

**B**

**C**

**D**

**E**

CAN you name the following four teams from their club crests?  
To help you we've narrowed the field down to eight clubs: Oxford, Gillingham, Blackpool, Reading, Wimbledon, Colchester, Scunthorpe, Darlington.

### CREST QUIZ

## WHO PLAYS WHERE?

WHICH TEAMS PLAY at the following grounds?

1 Links Park	4 Brunton Park
2 Springfield Park	5 Griffin Park
3 The Den	6 Muirton Park

## What's in a name

CAN you identify the following clubs from their nicknames?

1 Gulls	6 The Shaymen
2 The Royals	7 Cottagers
3 Cobblers	8 The Grecians
4 The Ironsides	9 The Seals
5 The Red Imps	10 Shakers

## WHO AM I?

I played against my current club in an FA Cup Final in the early seventies. I moved to the North West for £300,000 in August 1978 and have picked up League Championship, League Cup and European Cup winners medals. Although I'm a full-back I've popped up with some important cup final goals.

# YOUR SOCCER? DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER?

# match

## Weekly's

# WORLD

THIS is it! The best eleven players from the World Cup Finals — according to Match Weekly's panel of football experts.

Do you agree with it? Is Schumacher the World's top goalkeeper, or would you choose Dasaev of the Soviet Union or England's Peter Shilton.

Should West Germany's Karl-Heinz Rummenigge have been included? What about Falcao of Brazil, Russian flyer Oleg Blokhin or Argentina's Diego Maradona?

The choices are endless. But 'Match' stands by its selection . . .

1

### Harald Schumacher

(West Germany)

Club: Cologne.

Age: 28.

He has stepped into the shoes of Sepp Maier with great distinction, and has been one of the major reasons behind Germany's continued success.

His handling and positional awareness are two of the stronger points of his game and he will be a difficult man to dislodge from the side for any would-be pretender in the Bundesliga.



2

### Manny Kaltz

(West Germany)

Club: Hamburg.

Age: 29.

He has been one of the cornerstones in the West German team for many years, and rated by many as one of the best attacking right backs around. He has been the instigator of many German goals and is equally dependable in defensive situations.

# 3

## Junior (Brazil)

Club: Flamengo.

Age: 28.

He fully underlined his credentials as the best left back in the world during the World Cup Finals.

He pops up on all parts of the field, notably in the opposing penalty area to finish off those searing Brazilian moves that captivated the audience in Spain. Attacking may be his virtue, but he also showed his defensive capabilities when necessary, which wasn't that often.



# 4

## Daniel Passarella (Argentina)

Club: River  
Plate.

Age: 29

The Argentina skipper was one of their few successes as they feebly surrendered their World Championship in Spain.

The defensive star enjoys nothing more than to drive upfield on attacking sorties, and he has several crucial goals to his credit.

Although not muscular and tall, he generates plenty of power for heading situations both defensive and offensive.

And his experience at the very top of world football enables him to organise his defence well.



# 5

## Ulrich Stielike (West Germany)

Club: Real Madrid.

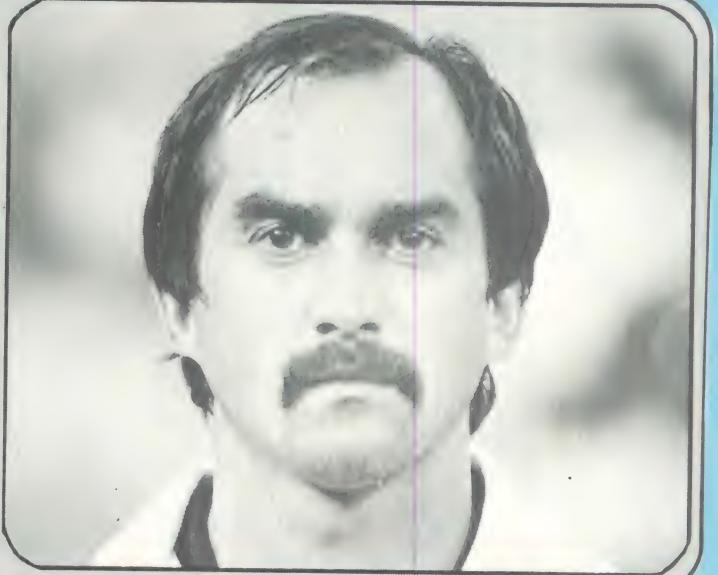
Age: 28

One of the most effective 'sweepers' in the business as he showed in the World Cup Finals when operating in his adopted country of Spain.

Like Kaltz, Stielike has been around the international scene for some time, providing crucial final cover for goalkeeper Schumacher.

He rarely ventures from his defensive berth, but he can be an additional weapon for set pieces with his power in the air.

Stielike had the misfortune to make the first penalty miss in the Semi-Final shoot-out with France, but the Germans still scraped through to the Final, where the German defender performed with distinction.



**6****Socrates**  
(Brazil)**Club:** Corinthians.**Age:** 28.

The lanky Brazilian skipper showed his class and skill in the World Cup Finals with deft flicks and near binocular vision.

Although appearing to lack pace, he almost deceptively moved up a gear when there was the slightest hint of an opening in the making.

He produced one of the goals of the World Cup Finals with his equaliser against Russia in the opening game.

**MATCH WEEKLY'S****7****Michel Platini**  
(France)**Club:** Juventus.**Age:** 27.

He emerged from a disappointing opening to display his full repertoire of skills during France's successful World Cup campaign.

He underlined his worth to the French team with some brilliant performances in a midfield that was one of the most impressive in the tournament.

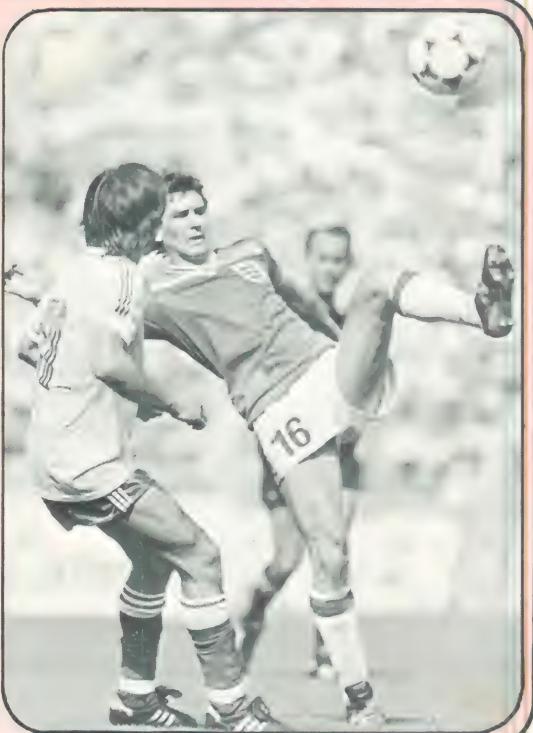
It's little wonder that Italian giants Juventus grabbed him from St Etienne because they now have one of the top midfield generals in Europe.

**8****Bryan**  
**Robson**  
(England)**Club:** Man Utd.**Age:** 25.

Britain's costliest footballer went to Spain without any trumpet blowing, but he returned with a big reputation and a world class tag.

His appetite for hard graft and the ability to find goal-scoring positions in packed penalty areas made him a valuable commodity in the England side.

He's sure to command a regular place in the England team for several years to come, possibly as captain.



# WORLD SELECT ELEVEN...

9

**Paolo Rossi**

(Italy)

**Club:** Juventus.

**Age:** 27.

It was regarded as a gamble when Italy manager Enzo Bearzot included Paolo Rossi in his World Cup squad after a two-year absence for his alleged part in a bribes scandal.

For the opening matches in the tournament it looked as though the rustiness was shrouding his talent, but against Brazil he answered the critics with a hat-trick.

The golden boy of Italian football should be even sharper next season when he gets the benefit of a full League programme behind him.

And the importance of a fully-fit Rossi to the World Champions is immeasurable.



10

**Zico**

(Brazil)

**Club:** Flamengo.

**Age:** 29.

The Brazilian star rubber-stamped his world class status with some brilliant goals in the World Cup Finals.

His devastating control and rapier-like strikes to balls delivered from almost any angle was a feature of his impressive performances.

It may well have been his last appearance in the World Cup Finals, but he has left some fond memories imprinted on the minds of the soccer purists.

11

**Zbigniew Boniek**

(Poland)

**Club:** Juventus.

**Age:** 26.

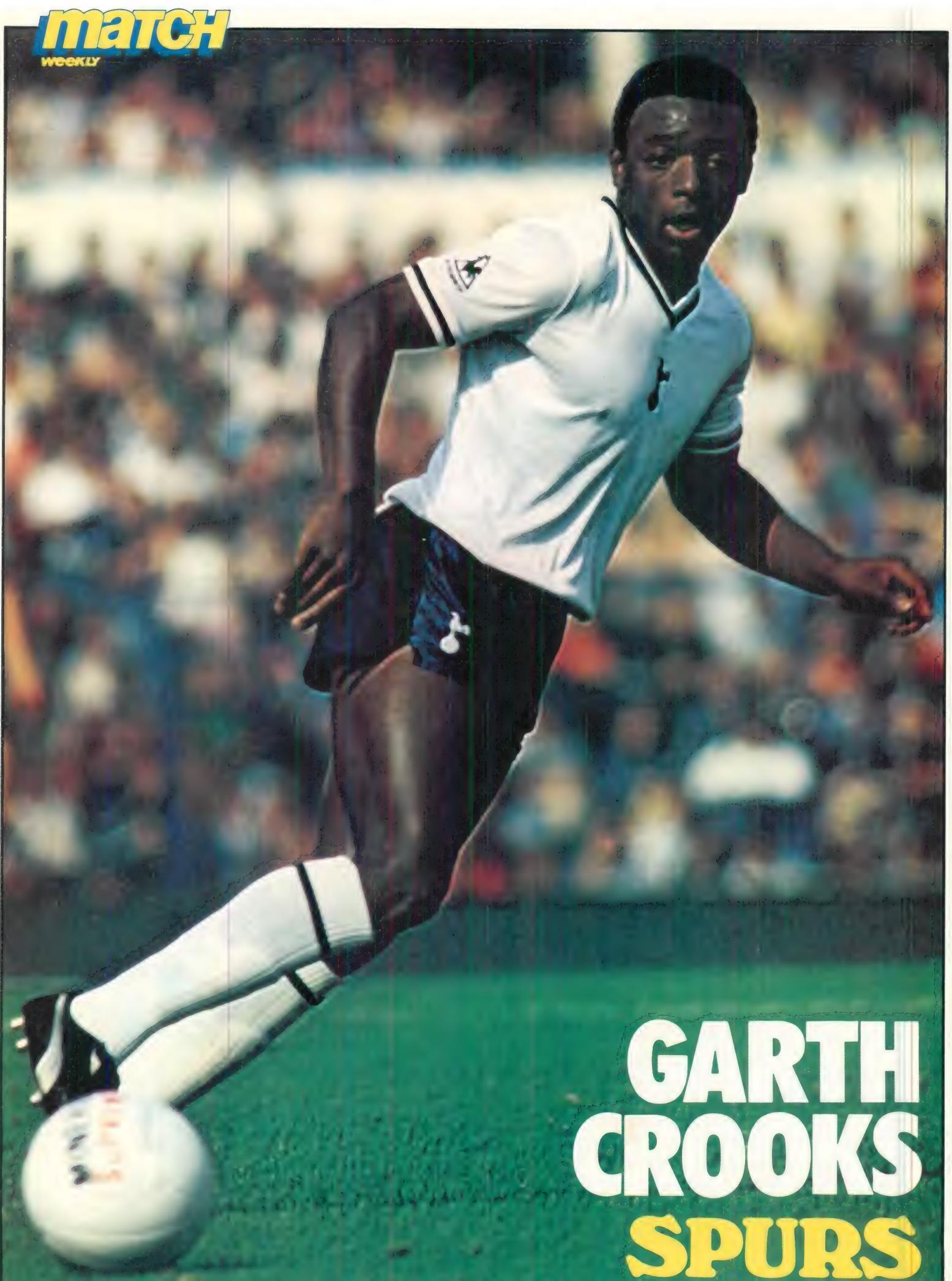
People wondered why Juventus had paid nearly £1 million for his services from Widzew Lodz during the early stages of the World Cup.

But when moved into an attacking role, he enhanced his reputation with a brilliant hat-trick against Belgium.

He's a more than useful acquisition to Juventus with his ability to dictate matters in midfield as well as operate in a dangerous attacking role.

And his worth to the Poland team can be measured by the fact that without him — he was suspended for the match for two earlier cautions — the Poles tamely surrendered in their World Cup Semi-Final with Italy.





**GARTH  
CROOKS  
SPURS**



**ARTHUR ALBISTON** Man. Utd.

GREAT NEWS, LADS!

REMEMBER LAST  
SEASON'S MATCH  
WITH THE  
GAS STREET  
MARAUDERS?

HOW COULD WE  
FORGET?!—  
I'VE STILL GOT  
THE SCARS!

WELL, I'VE  
ARRANGED A  
RETURN MATCH!

AAARRGH!

I'M OFF!

I FEEL  
SICK!

STEADY, LADS!  
DON'T PANIC!

THEIR STRIKER,  
BOOTS BAGNALL,  
ISN'T IN THEIR  
TEAM ANY MORE!

REALY?  
HONEST?

# FOOTBALL CRAZY BY MATCH

RIGHT, WE'LL PLAY!  
WHEN'S THE MATCH?

THIS SATURDAY,  
KICK-OFF  
3.00pm

WE'LL  
BE  
THERE!

SATURDAY...

GROAN...

WHAT'S  
WRONG,  
LADS?

YOU SAID BOOTS  
BAGNALL WASN'T  
PLAYING!

HE'S NOT ON THEIR  
TEAM LIST...

...THAT'S BECAUSE  
HE'S THE REF!

I KNOW...



# European Championships '84

**MATCH** Weekly sets the scene for the European Championship Finals scheduled for France in the summer of 1984.

We talk to Wales defender Joey Jones who hopes his country can book a Paris date to make amends for narrowly missing out on the World Cup Finals.

There's all the dates and fixtures involving the five teams from the British Isles, and the compilation of all the seven groups in the qualifying competition.

And we forecast the eight teams who we think will be battling it out for the European crown.

**MAKE  
WAY FOR  
WALES  
says  
Joey Jones**

STEP aside England, Scotland and Northern Ireland . . . Wales are after some of the limelight those countries enjoyed in the World Cup Finals.

The Welsh hope to make up for the disappointment of narrowly missing out on the Spanish sunshine by qualifying for the 1984 European Championship Finals in France.

Barring their way are two tough East European teams in Yugoslavia and Bulgaria, plus Norway who almost wrecked England's World Cup dreams with a 2-1 victory in Oslo last season.

It's a testing group for Wales, but experienced full-back Joey Jones, the new £80,000 Chelsea recruit from Wrexham, believes they are capable of winning a ticket to Paris.

"I feel that Wales have their strongest squad in years," says Joey, who collected plenty of European experience during his successful spell with Liverpool.

"Several young players, like Liverpool's Ian Rush, Swansea's Chris Marustik,



Backing Wales is their experienced defender Joey Jones seen here in action against England's Peter Barnes.

Everton's Kevin Ratcliffe and Arsenal's Peter Nicholas, have all made their mark on the international scene.

"They are backed up by the more experienced men like Bryan Flynn, Alan Curtis and hopefully myself."

But Joey doesn't underestimate the size of the task facing Wales.

He remembers only too well that it was unranked Iceland who ended their World Cup Final hopes with a shock 2-2 draw in Wales last season.

"There are no easy international matches as we discovered to our peril against Iceland," he says.

"Norway are supposed to be the weakest team in our section, but they beat England last season.

"I suppose Yugoslavia will be our biggest threat, although Bulgaria are a tough side from what I have seen on television."

Ironically, it was Yugoslavia who ended Welsh hopes in their only appearance in the European Finals in 1976, going down 3-1 on aggregate in the quarter-finals.

"It will be a hard section, but we must win all our home games if we are to succeed," he adds.

England represent the best bet in the British Isles to reach the Paris showdown in 1984.

Hungary, who England defeated twice en route to the World Cup Finals, are again the biggest threat, with Greece and Luxembourg the make-weights, although the Greeks did draw in Italy in 1981.

Scotland have probably the next best chance of reaching the Finals for the first time.

Belgium, runners-up to West Germany in 1980, and East Germany provide testing opposition, but Scotland have the ability to overcome the challenge.

But it's not looking too good for the Irish challenge, particularly for the World Cup heroes from the north.

They are bracketed with the reigning champions, West Germany, and Austria who they drew with in Spain before bowing out bravely to France.

# THE GROUPS

## GROUP ONE

**SCOTLAND**

Belgium

**East Germany**

**Switzerland**

## GROUP TWO

Poland

Russia

Finland

Portugal

## GROUP THREE

**ENGLAND**

Hungary

Greece

Luxembourg

Denmark

## GROUP FOUR

**WALES**

Yugoslavia

Bulgaria

**Norway**

## GROUP FIVE

**Italy**

**Czechoslovakia**

Rumania

Sweden

## GROUP SIX

**N. IRELAND**

**West Germany**

Austria

Turkey

Albania

## GROUP SEVEN

**EIRE**

Holland

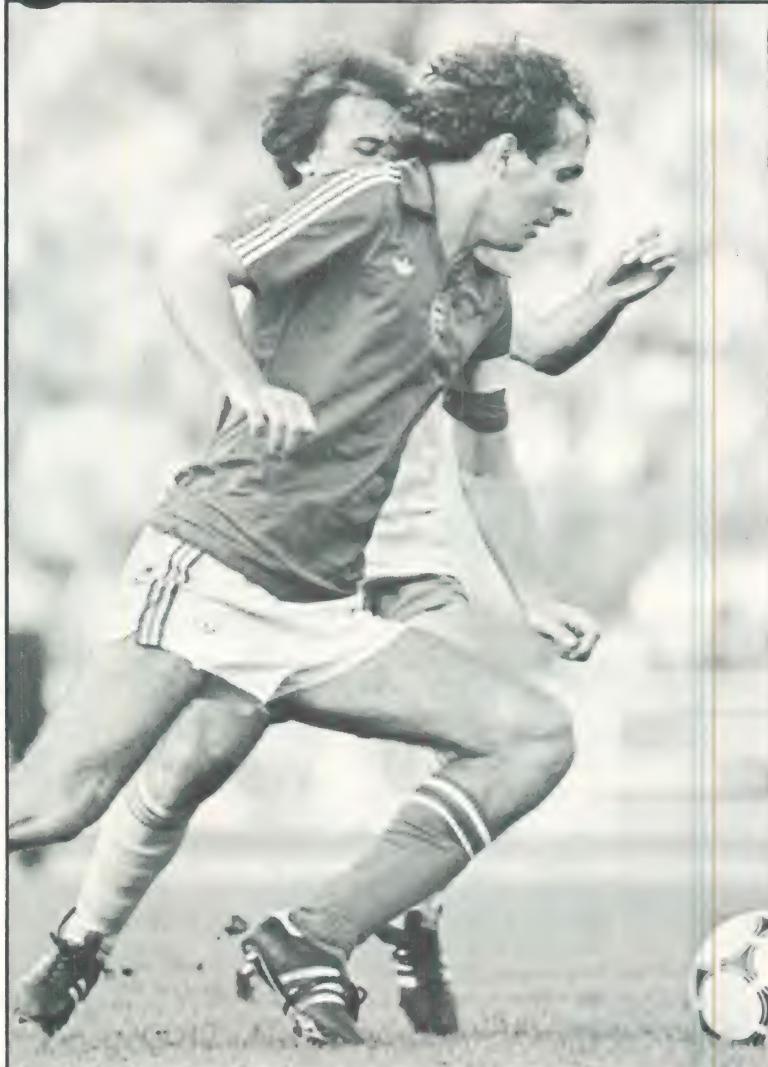
Spain

Iceland

Malta

● Winners from each group qualify for Finals.

# European



● Hungary's talented skipper Tibor Nyilasi represents a big threat to England's qualifying hopes.

# FIXTURES

## ENGLAND

1982

Sept. 22 — Denmark (away)  
Nov. 17 — Greece (away)  
Dec. 15 — L'bourg (home)

1983

Mar. 30 — Greece (home)  
Apr. 27 — Hungary (home)  
Sept. 21 — Denmark (home)  
Oct. 12 — Hungary (away)  
Nov. 16 — L'bourg (away)

## SCOTLAND

1982

Oct. 13 — E. Germany (home)  
Nov. 17 — Switzerland (away)

Dec. 15 — Belgium (away)  
1983

Mar. 30 — Switzerland (home)  
Oct. 12 — Belgium (home)

Nov. 16 — E. Germany (away)

## WALES

1982

Sept. 22 — Norway (home)  
Dec. 15 — Yugoslavia (away)

1983

Apr. 27 — Bulgaria (home)  
Sept. 27 — Norway (away)

Nov. 16 — Bulgaria (away)

Dec. 14 — Yugoslavia (home)

## NORTHERN IRELAND

1982

Oct. 13 — Austria (away)  
Nov. 17 — W. Germany (home)

Dec. 15 — Albania (away)

1983

Mar. 30 — Turkey (home)  
Apr. 27 — Albania (home)  
Sept. 21 — Austria (home)  
Oct. 12 — Turkey (away)  
Nov. 16 — W. Germany (away)

## REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

1982

Sept. 22 — Holland (away)  
Oct. 13 — Iceland (home)  
Nov. 17 — Spain (home)

1983

Mar. 30 — Malta (away)  
Apr. 27 — Spain (away)  
Sept. 21 — Iceland (away)  
Oct. 12 — Holland (home)  
Nov. 16 — Malta (home)

## EUROPEAN CHAMPIONS

### Winners

### Runners-up

### Third

### Fourth

1960

(Paris) Russia

Yugoslavia

Czecho'vacia France

1964

(Madrid) Spain

Russia

Hungary

Denmark

1968

(Rome) Italy

Yugoslavia

England

Russia

1972

(Brussels) W. Germany

Russia

Belgium

Hungary

1976

(Belgrade) Czecho'vacia

W. Germany

Holland

Yugoslavia

1980

(Rome) W. Germany

Belgium

Czecho'vacia Italy

## FINAL RESULTS:

1960 (Paris) —

Russia 2, Yugoslavia 1

1964 (Madrid) —

Spain 2, Russia 1

1968 (Rome) —

Italy 2, Yugoslavia (after 1-1 draw)

1972 (Brussels) —

West Germany 3, Russia 0

1976 (Belgrade) —

Czechoslovakia 2, West Germany 2

(Czechs won 5-3 on pens) after extra time

1980 (Rome) —

West Germany 2, Belgium 1

# Championships '84

## OUR PARIS PACKET

### FRANCE

FRANCE, who automatically qualify for the Finals as the host country, haven't made a real impression on the Championships since finishing fourth on their own soil in 1960.

But they showed in the latter stages of the World Cup Finals, that they have plenty of skill in their ranks, particularly in midfield with the likes of Michel Platini, Alain Giresse, Jean Tigana and Bernard Genghini.

England did uncover flaws in their temperament in the opening match in Spain when shaking them with an early goal, but if they are allowed to dominate proceedings, they have the potential to compete with most teams.

KEY MEN: Michel Platini, Marius Tresor, Alain Giresse.

### RUSSIA

RUSSIA have been one of the most forceful teams in the Championships, winning it in 1960, finishing second in 1964 and 1972, and fourth in 1968.

They have had a barren time since 1972, but they showed in the World Cup Finals that they have once again emerged as a team to fear.

Poland are their main rivals in Group Two and they eliminated the Russians from the Second Round in Spain by holding them to a goalless draw.

However, over two legs, Russia would appear to be capable of achieving the necessary results to book their ticket to Paris.

KEY MEN: Oleg Blokhin, Aleksandr Chivadze, Rinat Dasaev and Ramaz Shengelia.

### YUGOSLAVIA

YUGOSLAVIA were rather disappointing in the World Cup Finals, but they still have the reputation for being one of the toughest nuts to crack on the European circuit.

Wales, no doubt, will be boosted by Northern Ireland's goalless draw with Yugoslavia in Spain, but they could prove a different proposition in their own backyard.

After their unsuccessful sorties behind the Iron Curtain to Russia and Czechoslovakia in the World Cup qualifying programme, Wales won't relish a trip to Belgrade.

Yugoslavia, European runners-up in 1960 and 1968, are capable of improving on their Spanish performances which isn't good news for the Welsh.

WHO'LL be battling in France for the 1984 European Championship crown. With the qualifying matches starting this season, we name our eight teams for the Paris showdown.



● Belgium striker Jan Ceulemans could upset Scotland's chances of reaching the European Championship Finals.

### SCOTLAND

SCOTLAND went out of the World Cup Finals in a blaze of glory after creditable performances against Brazil and Russia.

And they are capable of building on that new-found wave of optimism at the main expense of Belgium in Group One.

Belgium looked like a spent force in the World Cup Finals as they tamely bowed out to Poland and Russia and could be facing some kind of transitional period.

Scotland, who could find East Germany a problem, have never reached the European Championship Finals, but they showed enough ability and spirit in Spain to suggest that this famine could end.

KEY MEN: Graeme Souness, Alan Hansen, Gordon Strachan.

### WEST GERMANY

WEST Germany, the reigning European Champions, can never be ruled out of contention in any major competition.

They may have lacked the sparkle and flair of their predecessors at some stages in the World Cup Finals, but they have an iron will and military discipline that makes them a difficult team to overcome.

World Cup heroes Northern Ireland stand in the path of the German machine in Group Six, along with Austria who must be sick of the sight of their illustrious neighbours.

They were in the same World Cup qualifying group and the same first round section in Spain when Germany grabbed a 1-0 victory.

Let's hope it's Ireland, but one can't honestly see them overhauling the Germans.

KEY MEN: Karl Heinz Rummenigge, Paul Breitner, Uli Stielike.

### ITALY

ITALY showed in the World Cup Finals that they are still capable of beating the best in the world on their day.

They may not be the answer to football's falling gates, but their discipline and organisation still provides a stiff hurdle to climb.

Italy, winners in 1968 when played in Rome, have

Czechoslovakia as their main opponents in Group Five, but the Czechs showed in Spain that they could be facing a lean time on the international arena during a re-building phase.

With Paolo Rossi finding his feet after a two-year suspension, the signs are that Italy will continue to be a major contender for honours in Europe.

KEY MEN: Paolo Rossi, Claudio Gentile, Marco Tardelli, Giancarlo Antognoni.

### ENGLAND

THERE was enough encouragement to emerge from the World Cup Finals to provide a strong belief that England would qualify for the European Championship Finals for the second successive time.

Hungary are the main dangers although England defeated them twice on the way to reaching Spain which provides them with a psychological advantage if nothing else.

After the near-disastrous setbacks against Norway and Switzerland in the World Cup qualifying programme, England must be on their guard against Greece and Luxembourg.

But England look to have the potential and confidence to reach the last eight from a group that seems to be one of the less exacting in the competition.

KEY MEN: Bryan Robson, Kenny Sansom, Terry Butcher.

### HOLLAND

HOLLAND'S group looks to be one of the most intriguing sections with World Cup hosts Spain and the Republic of Ireland as their main rivals.

Spain didn't impress at all during the Finals even though they frustrated England, while Eire have never seemed at their best away from the passion of Dublin.

Holland have been going through a transitional period since finishing runners-up in the 1974 and 1978 World Cup Finals, but surely have the potential to rise again.

England and Scotland both defeated the Dutch in World Cup warm-ups, but twelve months on they may prove a different kettle of fish.

KEY MEN: Jan Peters, Rudi Krol, Johnny Metgod.



Above: QPR midfielder Tony Currie grimaces as Tottenham's Graham Roberts delivers a heavy challenge in the FA Cup Final at Wembley.

Above: Leicester's Steve Lynex feels the full force of a Tony Galvin tackle.

Below: Pal Joey? Hardly that as Wales' Joey Jones puts the skids under England's Trevor Francis.



Below: Taking the Mickey. England's Ray Wilkins sends Wales' Mickey Thomas sprawling.

# NERVOUS NIGEL

## — VILLA'S UNLIKELY HERO . . .

**PANIC!** That was Aston Villa reserve goalkeeper Nigel Spink's first reaction when he realised he'd have to play in the European Cup Final against West German giants Bayern Munich.

Regular number one Jimmy Rimmer had lasted less than 10 minutes when it became obvious he'd have to leave the field with a neck injury.

But the 24-year-old stand-in became the hero of Villa Park when he produced a series of brilliant saves and helped Villa become the sixth English club in a row to lift the coveted trophy.

"The first time I realised I'd have to go on was when Jimmy came over to the touchline rubbing his neck. It was obvious he was in pain," explained Nigel.

"I knew that Jimmy had trouble with his neck earlier in the week but, on the morning of the match, he looked fine and showed no sign of any pain."

"My first reaction when Tony Barton told me to take my track-suit off was one of panic. I just wanted to run up and down the touch-line to relieve the tension."

### Calmed

"Fortunately, the manager calmed me down before I had to go onto the pitch," adds the Chelmsford-born keeper, who joined the club straight from school.

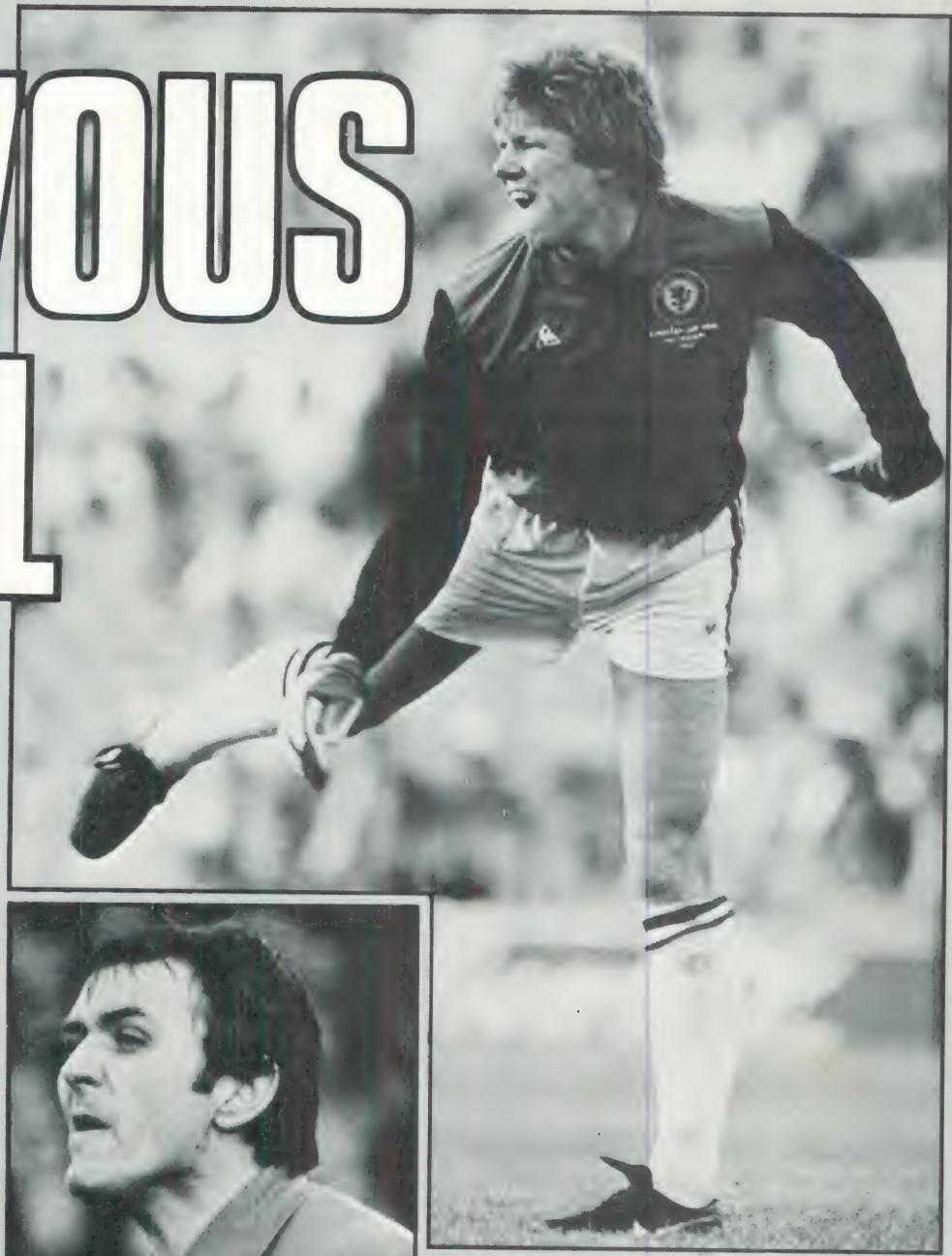
"As soon as I was on the field, I felt no nerves. I wasn't overawed by the occasion or such world class stars as Karl-Heinz Rummenigge and Paul Breitner."

"As far as I was concerned, they were just players who needed stopping. I didn't think about their reputations."

Villa won the game 1-0 with a goal from England striker Peter Withe, but they had to withstand long spells of sustained pressure and Nigel was rarely out of the action.

"I was very pleased with my form and it was great to get so much praise after a game. I'm not used to being in the limelight."

Before being called into European Cup Final action, Nigel had made just one senior appearance



Above: Aston Villa's European Cup Final hero Nigel Spink.

Left: Jimmy Rimmer, the Aston Villa number one. His neck injury gave reserve Nigel Spink a dream European Cup Final debut.

in the Aston Villa side — back in December 1979.

"Coming on against Bayern has to be the highlight of my life. It's a night I'll never forget.

"I've got a video recording of the game at home. I have to keep playing it back to myself to make sure it was true.

"One of the first players to rush over and congratulate me after the game was Jimmy. He was ever so pleased for me."

With the work successfully completed, Nigel could be forgiven for going over the top with the celebrations, but he said: "I just couldn't bring myself to celebrate.

"I'm a man who likes a drink after a game, but I didn't have many that night. I was in a state of complete shock. I just sat down with my wife and talked over the events of the day. It just didn't sink in."

Now Nigel, who's been in the shadows at Villa for five and a half years, sees this as the turning point in his career.

"Playing in a European Cup Final has really whetted my appetite for success. It's made me determined to stake my claim for a first team place.

"In many respects, I've started my career at the

very top by winning a medal in only my second senior game. I want that success to continue.

"My confidence now is sky-high. I'm sure that I can do a capable job in the first team and that's where I want to play.

"Being in the reserves so long meant my game was going a bit flat. The European Cup Final gave me a completely new appetite.

"I was determined to be in tip-top condition for the start of the new campaign so I started my own pre-season training routine long before the rest of the players reported back."

QPR keeper John Burridge and Jake Findlay of Luton were the seniors at Villa Park when Nigel joined the club.

"When those two were at the club, I was in the youth team. They departed at around the same time and I went straight into the reserve team. I've been there ever since.

"I've learnt so much from Jimmy Rimmer while he's been at the club. He's helped me a great deal and I know I'm a better 'keeper because of him.

"But now I've got to prove to manager Tony Barton that I'm better than him. I hope to do that this season."

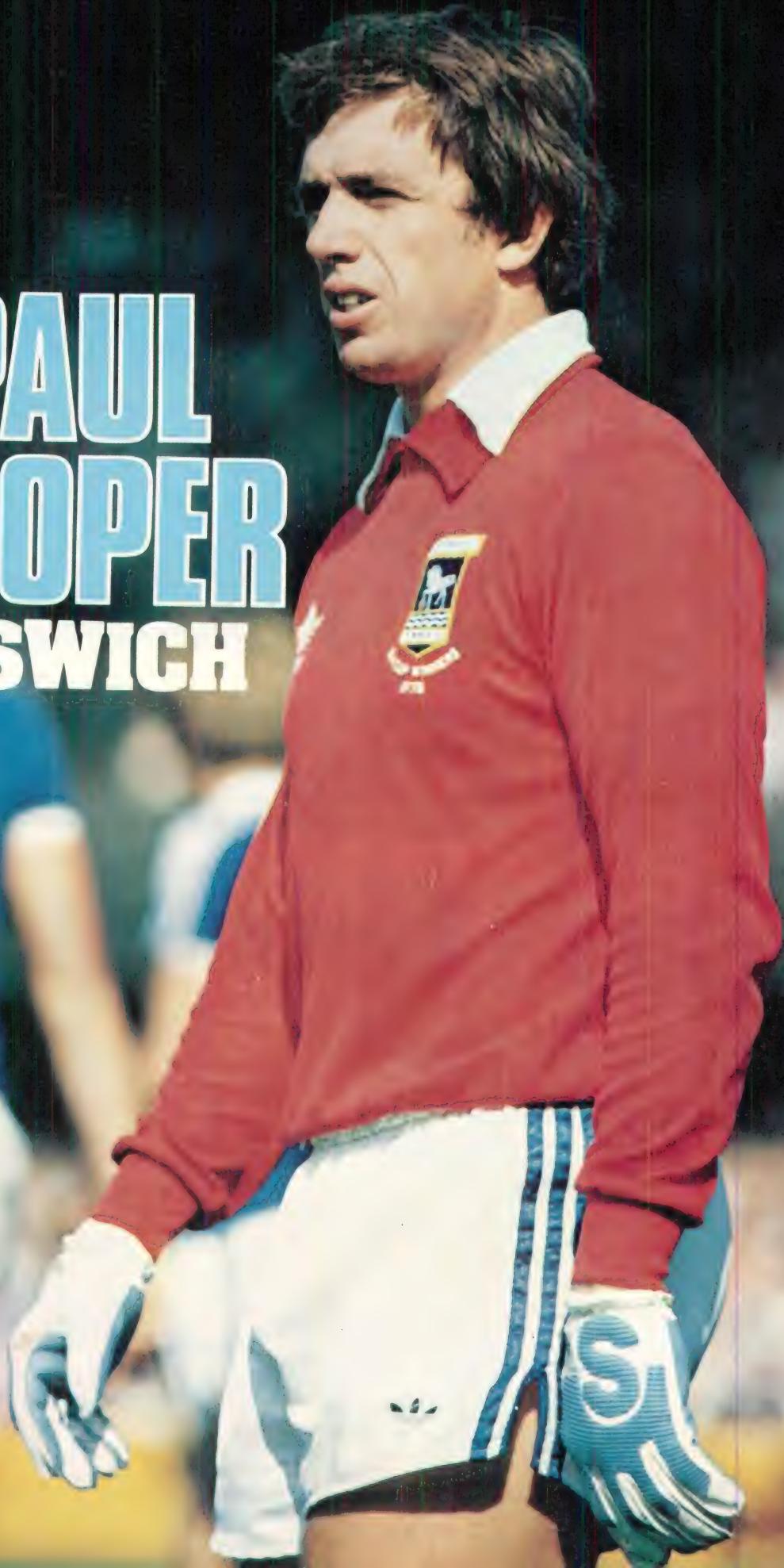
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WEEKLY



**TONY WOODCOCK** Arsenal  
and England

# PAUL COOPER IPSWICH

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# EDDIE -

ALAN YOUNG, Leicester City's all-action Scottish striker, recalls a couple of incidents which gave him and his team-mates a good laugh.

Alan says: "The first incident centres around Eddie Kelly in a match about two years ago.

"I can't recall who we were playing, but an episode in that game concerning a penalty appeal stands out clearly in my mind.

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Left: Alan Young.

"One of our players was brought down in the box and we thought it was a clear case of a penalty kick. But, despite strong appeals to the referee, he brushed us aside.

"Now, Eddie was a tremendous calming influence in our side at that time, and was usually the one to cool things down in a heated situation.

"Yet, this time, even he was convinced the ref had booted — so much so that he ran to remonstrate with him.

"The referee was all of thirty yards away, but Eddie wheeled

# GAME

**PROFESSIONAL** soccer's a serious business . . . but sometimes it can be a laugh.

Enjoy a chuckle with some of the game's top stars as they tell the stories that make them smile.

Meet the players who are 'Game For A Laugh!'

# Steve's a knock-out!

STEVE Kindon was a knock-out the day Wolves played Coventry in the Sixth Round of the FA Cup.

He was only a substitute that day but he stole the show even before the game kicked off . . .

Recalls Wolves striker John Richards:

"As usual, we were all out on the pitch warming up and Steve Kindon was firing shots at Phil Parkes in our goal.

"Now Steve can really whack a ball and he suddenly decides to charge in, head down, and thunder one from 30 yards.

"The trouble is that Derek Dougan is running across his line of fire and the ball hit him square on the head, knocking him out.

"The crowd went berserk . . . and so did our manager at the time — Billy McGarry.

"He'd just arrived at his



seat in the stands and there was 'Doug' flat out in the middle of the pitch having treatment!

"The manager came flying down the stairs and, at this, Steve Kindon raced off and pretended to hide behind a

corner flag. It was hilarious looking back."

The incident happened in 1973 and, despite the pre-match drama, Derek Dougan recovered well enough to play and Wolves ran out 2-0 winners.



John Richards — recalls the day former Wolves centre-forward Derek Dougan was knocked out.

# THE KIDDER

round after him with clenched fists.

"And, as Eddie got closer, he was shaping up to give the referee, who was oblivious to what was happening, something more painful than a conventional ear-bashing.

"As Eddie approached the spot where the referee was standing, the crowd fell silent . . . but at the last moment Eddie's swinging fists froze and he ended up putting his arms round the ref and giving him a playful hug!"

Alan also had to chuckle over an incident in a game against

Shrewsbury at Filbert Street last season.

He recalls: "It was a vital game — we needed to win to keep up the promotion push.

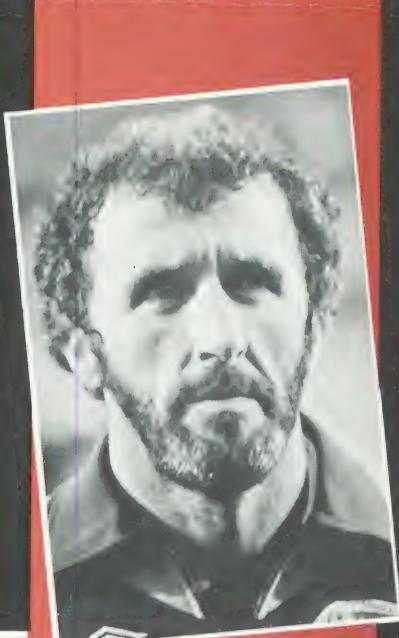
"But it was one of those frustrating matches when, despite the urgings of a big crowd, we couldn't hit the back of the net. We hit the woodwork, had shots cleared off the line, but couldn't score . . .

"Then, after about an hour, everyone was amazed to see two supporters run onto the pitch . . . absolutely 'starkers', except for some over-size

looking boots, and carrying their own football.

"They ran up to the Shrewsbury goal, asked their keeper to stand aside and then went through the motions of a penalty routine. One of the pair eventually scored from the spot and, with the crowd in hysterics, the streakers hugged one another over the 'goal' they had just scored.

"The police soon whisked them away, but it was a truly hilarious moment. Unfortunately, we still had to settle for a 0-0 draw."



Danny McGrain — confused the goalkeeper so much he threw the ball into his own net.

## Danny causes goalie's goof!

DANNY MCGRAIN, the Celtic stalwart with more than 60 Scottish caps to his credit, recalls an incident from a League match about six years ago, which still makes him chuckle.

He says: "It was during a match against Airdrie at Broomfield Road and I was brought on as substitute 15 minutes from time. I had just got back into the first team reckoning after a spell off through injury.

"Anyway, I hadn't been in action long when I shaped up to receive a pass from goalkeeper Dennis Connaghan. He was Celtic's second-choice 'keeper and was enjoying a chance to play in the first team with our normal goalie on the sidelines.

"Yes, Dennis," I called as he prepared to throw the ball my way — swiftly followed by "No, Dennis," as I realised an Airdrie player was running up to intercept.

"Poor Dennis. I confused him so much he ended up throwing the ball over his own shoulder and into the back of the net!

"Not that it mattered much, fortunately. We were already 3-0 up and ended up by winning 4-1."

# FOR A LAUGH

## SAINTED ANT . . .

SOUTHAMPTON defender Nick Holmes was itching to tell us of the day he got ants in his pants.

The left-back reckons that the funniest moment of his distinguished career followed Southampton's shock FA Cup Final victory over Manchester United in 1976.

He recalls: "We were on a tour of Barbados and playing a match against their national team.

"They were giving us a lot of hammer and being pretty robust in the tackle. One particularly bad challenge left me writhing on the floor clutching my ankle and I was sure I'd injured it badly.

"I'd been on the ground for about five seconds when I felt a crawling sensation all over my body. I opened my eyes and saw

thousands of ants all over me.

"It must have been one of the quickest recoveries ever because I suddenly forgot about the injury, sprang to my feet and raced to the touchline.

"The trainers started throwing buckets of water at me, but that didn't remove the ants. In the end, they had to spray me with a hosepipe!

"What made it even funnier was that the trainers ended up being covered in ants as well. We all had a good laugh about it afterwards, but I kept my feet for the rest of the game. I wasn't going to fall down again!"

★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★★

Itching — that was Nick Holmes (right) the day he got ants in his pants.



# YOUR GUIDE TO THE CURRENT EUROPEAN

## ALBANIA

**Champions:** Tirana-based Nendori ended the monopoly of city rivals Dinamo and Partizan to win the title for the first time since 1970 when they completed their fifth championship success in six years.

**Cup:** Dinamo Tirana, with five title wins in the past eight years, had to settle for the Cup this time, winning it for the thirteenth time since the war.

## AUSTRIA

**Champions:** After 13 lean years, Rapid Vienna lifted the title for the 26th time, the best record in Austrian football. World Cup players include: Bernd Krauss, Hans Krankl and Heribert Weber.

**Cup:** Deposed champions Austria Vienna took some compensation by winning the Cup for the second time in three seasons. World Cup players include: Friedrich Koncilia, Erich Obermayer and Ernst Baumeister.

## BELGIUM

**Champions:** Standard Liege, cup winners the previous season, lifted the Championship for the first time since 1971. World Cup players include: Eric Gerets, Walter Meeus, Gerard Plessers and Guy Vanderminnen.

**Cup:** Although Waterschei are still awaiting their first title success, they collected the Cup for the second time in three years.

## BULGARIA

**Champions:** CSKA Sofia, who eliminated Liverpool in the European Cup last season, clinched their third successive championship, and their 22nd in all.

**Cup:** Lokomotiv Sofia carry Bulgaria's flag in the Cup Winners' Cup after their first success since 1953.

## CYPRUS

**Champions:** Omonia Nicosia retained the

Championship and have now won it eight times in the past nine years.

**Cup:** Apollon collected their third cup triumph, but their first since 1957 when they retained the trophy.

## CZECHOSLOVAKIA

**Champions:** Dukla Prague ended Banik Ostrava's attempt at a hat-trick of title wins by lifting the Championship after a three-year wait. World Cup players include: Ladislav Vizek, Frantisek Stambacher and Zdenek Nehoda.

**Cup:** Slovan Bratislava collected their fifth Cup success since 1961, but their first in eight years. World Cup players include: Marian Masny.

## DENMARK

**Champions:** Copenhagen-based Hvidovre caused a surprise by winning the title for only the third time, the previous time being in 1973.

**Cup:** Boldklub 1893 won the trophy.

# TOAST

## ENGLAND

**Champions:** Liverpool regained the Championship for the fifth time in seven years and a record 13th time in all. World Cup players include Kenny Dalglish, Alan Hansen and Graeme Souness.

**Cup:** Tottenham retained the FA Cup after a thrilling replay victory over Second Division Queen's Park Rangers. World Cup players include Steve Archibald, Ray Clemence and Glenn Hoddle.

## FINLAND

**Champions:** JK Helsinki ended Oulon's hopes of a hat-trick of title wins by winning the Championship for the first time in four years.

**Cup:** Kuusysi-69 achieved their first ever success in Finnish football by winning the Cup.

## FRANCE

**Champions:** AS Monaco lifted the crown for only the fourth time, the previous time being in 1968. World Cup players include: Manuel Amoros, Jean-Luc Ettori, Alain Courtois.

**Cup:** Paris St Germain achieved their first major success in French football by winning the Cup. World Cup players include: Dominique Rocheteau.

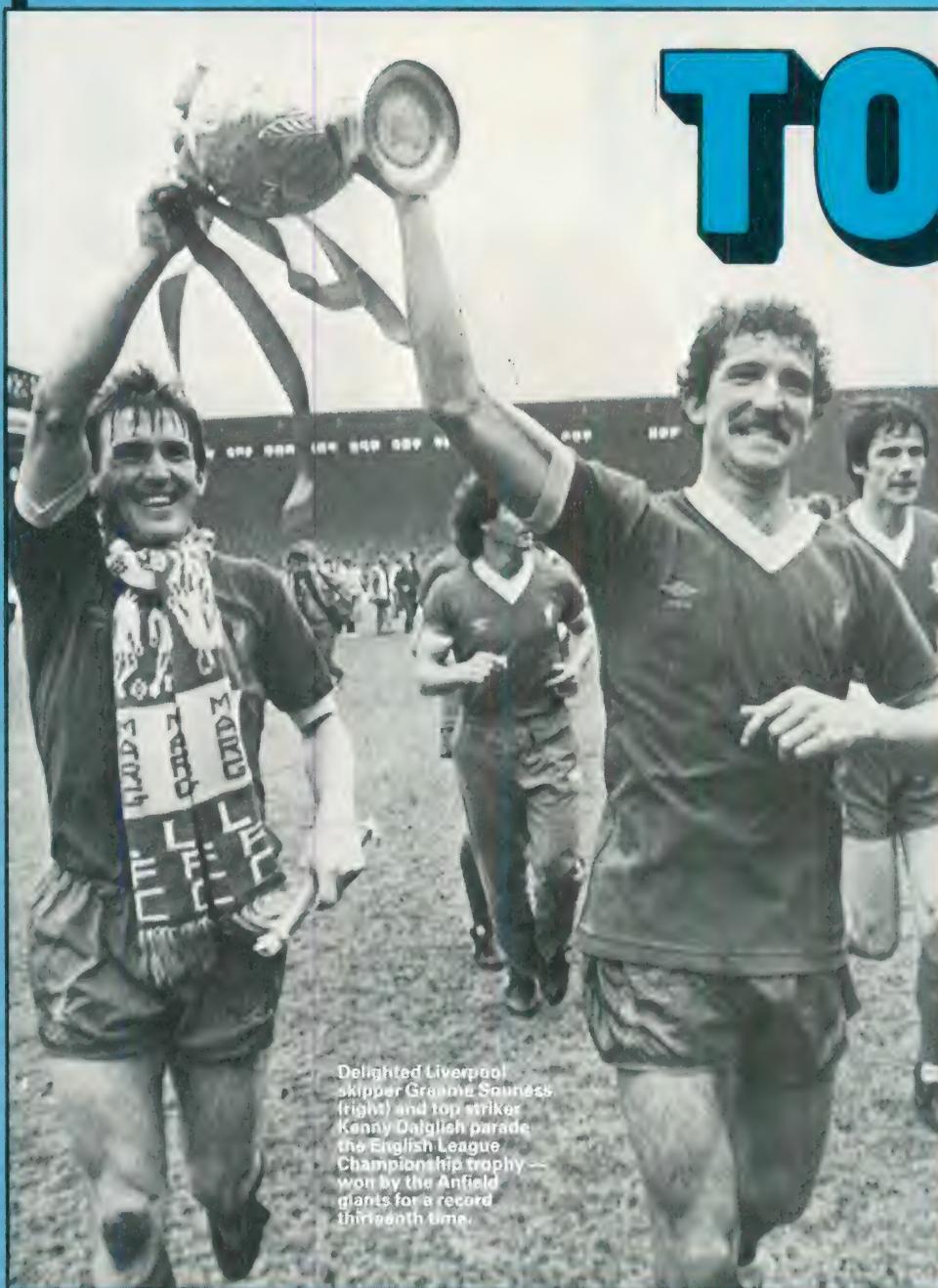
## EAST GERMANY

**Champions:** Dynamo Berlin are champions for the fourth successive season.

**Cup:** Dynamo Dresden took possession of the Cup for the third time in six years and the sixth time since 1950.

## WEST GERMANY

**Champions:** Kevin Keegan's former club Hamburg, runners-up the previous season, toppled Bayern Munich who were bidding for a hat-trick of titles. World Cup players include: Horst Hrubesch, Felix Magath and



Delighted Liverpool skipper Graeme Souness (right) and top striker Kenny Dalglish parade the English League Championship trophy -- won by the Anfield giants for a record thirteenth time.

# CUP AND LEAGUE WINNERS

**MANNY KALTZ.**

**Cup:** Bayern Munich, European Cup finalists last season, lifted the Cup for the first time since 1971 to stay in Europe. World Cup players include: Paul Breitner, Wolfgang Dremmler, Karl-Heinz Rummenigge.

## GREECE

**Champions:** Olympiakos completed a hat-trick of title wins to give them a total of 23 since 1928, easily the best record in Greek football.

**Cup:** Panathiniakos recorded their seventh Cup triumph since 1932, but their first since completing the 'double' in 1977.

## HUNGARY

**Champions:** Raba leapt from a mid-table position the previous season to the Championship last term. World Cup players include: Lazar Szentes.

**Cup:** Budapest Dozsa, who dominated Hungarian football in the seventies, won the Cup for the first time since 1975. World Cup players include: Jozsef Toth, Andros Torocsko.

## MALTA

**Champions:** Hibernians retained the title and have now won a major title in the past four seasons.

**Cup:** Sliema Wanderers made it 17 Cup triumphs since 1935, achieving their first cup success since 1979.

## NETHERLANDS

**Champions:** Ajax, the most successful side in Dutch football, regained the title they lost to Alkmaar last season to complete their third success in four years, and their 20th this century.

**Cup:** Alkmaar retained the Cup to make certain of keeping one half of the double they achieved the previous season. It was their third Cup triumph in five years.

## NORWAY

**Champions:** Valerenga achieved only their second title success since 1938, their only other one coming in 1965.

**Cup:** Lillestrom completed their third cup success in five years.



Above: Russian star Oleg Blokhin — he plays for USSR Champions Dynamo Kiev.

# OF EUROPE!

## ICELAND

**Champions:** Vikingur took the crown for only the third time since the early 1900s.

**Cup:** IBV Vestmann achieved their third Cup triumph since 1960, but their first for ten years.

## NORTHERN IRELAND

**Champions:** Linfield clinched the Championship for the third time in five years after being runners-up the previous season.

**Cup:** Coleraine achieved Cup success for only the fifth time since the last war. Their previous cup victory was in 1977.

## REPUBLIC OF IRELAND

**Champions:** Dundalk, runners-up the previous season, unseated Athlone in the Championship stakes, to record their sixth title success since 1922.

**Cup:** After an 11-year-wait, Limerick carried off the Cup for only the second time in sixty years.

## ITALY

**Champions:** Juventus, with six of Italy's World Cup winning side in their squad, retained the title, with also the help of former Arsenal star Liam Brady. World Cup players include: Dino Zoff, Antonio Cabrini, Claudio Gentile, Gaetano Scirea, Marco Tardelli and Paolo Rossi.

**Cup:** Inter-Milan, the second most successful Italian club behind Juventus, won the Cup for the first time since 1978. World Cup players include: Giampiero Marini, Gabriele Orioli, Alessandro Altobelli and Giuseppe Bergomi.

## LUXEMBOURG

**Champions:** Avenir Beggen collected the title for only the second time, the previous time being in 1969.

**Cup:** Red Boys Differdange, who completed the double in 1979, lifted the Cup for the 15th time since 1922.

## POLAND

**Champions:** Widzew Lodz retained the Championship, but will be without Zbigniew Boniek next season. He's signed for Juventus. World Cup players include: Jozef Mlynarczyk, Wladyslaw Zmuda and Wlodzimierz Smolarek.

**Cup:** Lech Poznan were the surprise cup winners for the first time, with Legia Warsaw failing in their hat-trick bid. World Cup players include: Piotr Mowlik.

## PORTUGAL

**Champions:** Malcolm Allison's Sporting Lisbon won the title for the second time in three years after finishing third the previous season.

**Cup:** Braga collected the Cup for only the second time, their previous success being in 1966, also when Sporting Lisbon won the title.

## RUMANIA

**Champions:** Dynamo Bucharest ended Craiova's bid for a hat-trick of championships, winning the title for the first time since 1977.

**Cup:** Baia Mare caused a surprise by winning the Cup for the first time.

## SCOTLAND

**Champions:** Celtic retained the title to record their 33rd championship success in Scotland. World Cup players include Denny McGrain and Davie Provan.

**Cup:** Aberdeen lifted the cup for the first time since 1970, crushing holders Rangers 4-1 in the final. World Cup players include Jim Leighton, Gordon Strachan, Willie Miller and Alex McLeish.

## SPAIN

**Champions:** Real Sociedad retained the title to record only their second championship success since 1929. World Cup players include: Luis Arconada, Miguel Alonso, Jesus Zamora, Jesus Satrustegui, and Lopez Ufarte.



Above: Russian star Oleg Blokhin — he plays for USSR Champions Dynamo Kiev.

**Cup:** Real Madrid lifted the trophy for the 15th time, and the second time in three years. World Cup players include: Jose Camacho, Uli Stielike, Ricardo Gallego and Carlos Alonso.

## SWEDEN

**Champions:** Oster Vaxjo retained the title to record their fourth win this century.

**Cup:** Gothenburg collected the trophy for only the second time since the war, the other occasion being in 1979.

## SWITZERLAND

**Champions:** Grasshoppers, the most successful team in Swiss soccer, picked up their 18th title this century, but only their third since 1971.

**Cup:** FC Sion took possession of the cup.

## TURKEY

**Champions:** After five title wins in six years, Trabzonspor were deposed by Besiktas who lifted the crown for the first time since 1967.

**Cup:** Galatasaray won the trophy.

## USSR

**Champions:** Dynamo Kiev retained the Championship to record their tenth title success since 1936. World Cup players include: Sergey Baltacha, Anatoly Demianenko, Vladimir Bessonov, Oleg Blokhin and Sandor Bal.

**Cup:** Moscow Torpedo picked up the trophy.

## WALES

**Cup:** Swansea retained the trophy, beating Cardiff in the final. It was their sixth victory in the competition.

## YUGOSLAVIA

**Champions:** Dynamo Zagreb prevented a hat-trick of title wins for Red Star Belgrade by winning the championship for the first time since 1958.

**Cup:** Red Star Belgrade, deposed as champions, took the cup as compensation, winning it for the ninth time since 1923.

# Kevin's tender touch

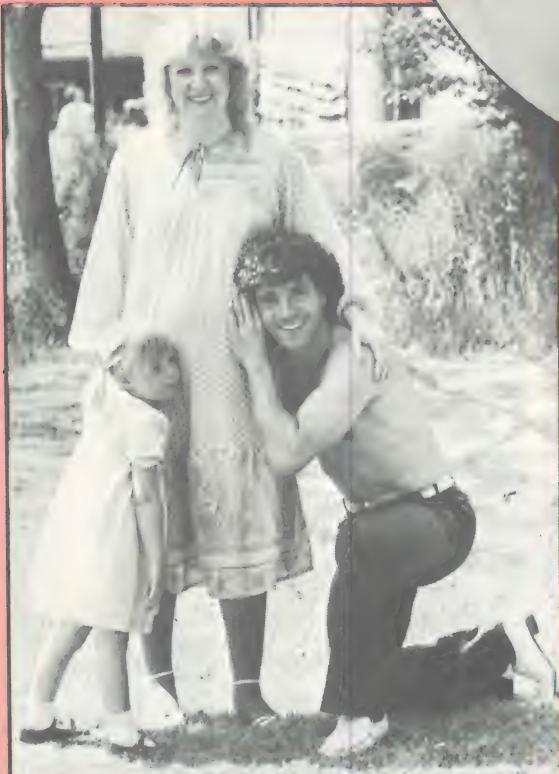
WHEN Kevin Keegan is at work he's a match for the hardest centre half and the toughest full back. But when the Southampton and England skipper gets home, the physical demands of football are soon replaced by a special tenderness for his family of three girls — that's wife Jean and daughters Laura-Jane (3) and Sarah Marie (five months).

Family man Kevin, top scorer in the First Division last season, was delighted to be at the birth of Sarah Marie only days before he flew off to Spain for the World Cup Finals.



*That's my dad — a hug for Kevin from Laura Jane that's worth lots more than scoring a goal.*

*Left: A special cuddle for wife Jean at the news that a new baby is on the way.*



*We know you're there — Kevin and daughter Laura Jane have fun with Mum shortly before the arrival of Keegan number four.*

*That's my girl — joy for England's best known footballer as he cradles Sarah Marie shortly after her birth.*



# MCBRIDE'S VOW

## ‘I'LL BE BACK . . . WITH ROTHERHAM’

ROTHERHAM'S new signing Joe McBride left Everton in the close season vowing: "I'll be back!"

As the former 'Toffees' starlet put pen to paper and joined Emlyn Hughes at Millmoor, he pledged to return to Goodison Park . . . as an opposing First Division player.

"I've had to drop down a Division to further my career, but I'm determined to return to the top flight as soon as possible. When I do that, I can't wait to play against Everton."

Joe joined Rotherham after spending a frustrating season in and out of an Everton side which was constantly changed by player-manager Howard Kendall. In all, the Merseyside club used 27 players last term.

"Even when I was playing well in the reserves at Everton, I didn't seem to get a chance. It looked as though the manager was trying to elbow me out. I certainly didn't fit into his picture."

### Difficult

"I love Everton and would like to see them win the League Championship this season. It was a difficult decision to leave them."

"But it was made that much easier for me because I wasn't getting regular first team football."

Joe, who's been at Everton since leaving school, made his League debut back in December 1979 at Bolton and has since played more than 50 times for the Merseyside giants.

"Having tasted life in the first team, I don't think I could have stood another season like the last one at Everton."

Joe admits that his Everton future looked in doubt at the beginning of last season when Howard Kendall swapped full-back John Gidman for Manchester United's Welsh international Mike Thomas.

But even the premature departure of the unhappy Mike Thomas to Brighton didn't signal a permanent return to favour for Joe.

"I forced my way back into the

side and stayed there for about seven games. Then we suffered a couple of defeats and I found myself out of the reckoning again.

"Last term was very disappointing for me. I'm glad to have a new start."

Joe admits that he's taken a step down by swapping the glamour of Everton for homespun Rotherham.

But he says: "In terms of first team opportunities, I've bettered myself. That was the important thing for me."

"Rotherham may not be the most glamorous town in England, but I'm not worried about the place. I joined the football club because I believe it can go places."

"Player-manager Emlyn Hughes is ambitious and enthusiastic and his attitude rubs off on every member of the staff."

"The potential is here for us to get to the top flight. After all, in their first season in the Second Division, they finished sixth."

"Before I joined the club, I'd never seen them play, although I'd heard a lot of encouraging reports about them."

"Millmoor is obviously not as extravagant as Goodison Park, but it has the same facilities. The only difference is that they are on a smaller scale here."

### Disappointed

The 22-year-old, whose father Joe McBride was a striker with Celtic, admits he was disappointed that no First Division clubs came in for him.

"I'd have loved to have stayed in the top flight, but I hadn't done anything for 18 months. My career had stood still."

Even though he failed to hit the highspots and establish himself in the Everton first team, Joe has no regrets about turning down offers from such clubs as Manchester United and Arsenal when he left school.

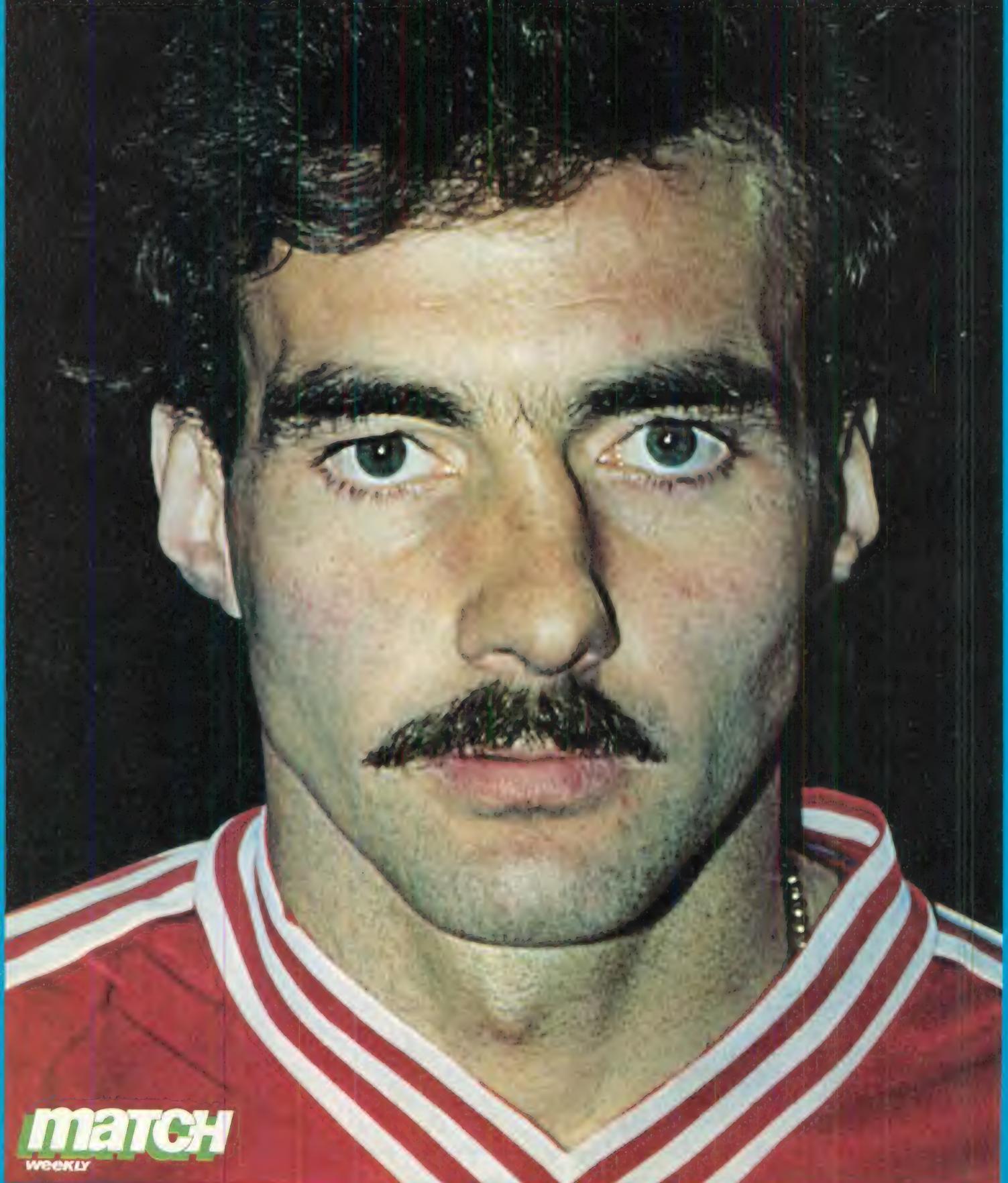
"I enjoyed my spell with the club and they taught me a lot. I'll always be grateful to them."

*Right: Rotherham winger Joe McBride — he can't wait for a return to Everton.*



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# NIGEL CALLAGHAN

*Focus on Watford's flying winger . . .*



**FULL NAME:** Nigel Ian Callaghan.

**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** RAF Singapore/September 12, 1962.

**HEIGHT/WEIGHT:** 5ft. 9ins./10st.

10lbs.

**MARRIED:** No.

**CAR:** Volkswagen Scirocco.

**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None.

**CLUB NICKNAME:** 'Stumpy' or 'Cally'.

**WORST EVER INJURY:** Knee ligaments when I was at school.

**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE**  
**PLAYER AND WHY:** Spurs' Glenn Hoddle because he has great vision and strikes the ball well.

**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:**

Spurs.

**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER**  
**AND WHY:** Argentina's Diego Maradona. He's got everything going for him.

**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** Banks (Eng.), Rice (N. Ire.), Charlton J., Moore, Cooper (Eng.), Brady (Eire), McDermott, Hoddle, Charlton R. (Eng.), Best (N. Ire.), Law (Scot.).

**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:** Banks, Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Ger.), Moore, Seeler (W. Ger.), Di Stefano (Spain), Rivelino, Jairzinho (Brazil), Pele (Brazil), Puskas (Hungary), Eusebio (Portugal).

**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Villa Park.

**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM**  
**AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:**

Gothenburg.

**BEST GOAL SCORED:** At Newcastle last season.

**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** Glenn Hoddle for Spurs against Man. Utd., League Cup, 1979.

**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** All of them.

**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** When we beat Southampton 7-1 in the 1980-81 League Cup.

**OWN MAGIC MOMENT:** Gaining promotion with Watford last season.

**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Being left out of the first team.

**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Tennis, golf and snooker.

**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Winning and going out with the lads.

**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Long journeys, losing and injuries.

**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Coronation Street and OTT.

**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS**  
**SWITCH OFF:** Crossroads and Emmerdale Farm.

**FAVOURITE READING:** 'Roy Of The Rovers'.

**FAVOURITE POP STAR:** Kool And The Gang.

**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** Sweden.

**FAVOURITE ACTOR/ACTRESS:**

Jack Nicholson/Susan George.

**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** 'Smokey And The Bandit'.

**BEST FRIEND:** Kenny Jackett and Steve Terry.

**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON**  
**CAREER:** My dad, Dave Butler and the Watford coaching staff.

**WHAT YOU DON'T LIKE ABOUT**  
**FOOTBALL:** Bad referees.

**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Chicken and toast.

**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To make a good career out of football.

**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To be the best footballer around.

**ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:** Work hard at your game while you're still at school and listen to the right people.

*Nigel Callaghan*

HERE's the chance to recall some of the triumphs and tragedies of last season with this month-by-month review of the international, European and domestic scene.

## AUGUST

- England winger Peter Barnes moves to Leeds from West Brom for £930,000, and Southampton sign Middlesbrough's David Armstrong for a club record £600,000.
- Aston Villa and Tottenham share the Charity Shield after a 2-2 draw at Wembley, Peter Withe (Villa) and Mark Falco (Tottenham) getting the goals.
- Bob Latchford scores a hat-trick on his debut for First Division new boys Swansea in 5-1 opening day defeat of Leeds.



Goal heroes Peter Withe (left) and Mark Falco display the Charity Shield after both scoring twice in the season's Wembley curtain-raiser between Tottenham and Aston Villa.

## OCTOBER

- Bryan Robson joins Manchester United from West Brom for British record fee of £1.7 million, and Remi Moses goes with him for £800,000. Manchester City re-sign Asa Hartford from Everton for £350,000.
- Scotland clinch their ticket to the World Cup Finals with a goalless draw in Northern Ireland.
- Wales' World Cup hopes receive a setback with 2-2 home draw with Iceland, Robbie James and Alan Curtis getting the goals, and Eire keep alive their chances with 3-2 home defeat of France, Frank Stapleton, Mike Robinson and a French defender scoring.
- Arsenal lose 1-0 in Belgium to

# TRIUMPHS and TRAGEDIES

## SEPTEMBER

- England's World Cup hopes hit by 2-1 defeat in Norway after Bryan Robson had given England the lead with his first international goal.
- Scotland edge nearer World Cup Finals with 2-0 home win over Sweden, Joe Jordan and John Robertson (penalty) getting the goals.
- David Cross scores all four as West Ham crush Tottenham 4-0 at White Hart Lane.

- Celtic lose 2-1 on aggregate to Juventus in European Cup after 1-0 home win in first leg; Aston Villa win 2-0 in Iceland against Valur with Gary Shaw getting both goals, and Liverpool put seven past Finland's Oulon to win 8-0 on aggregate.
- Aberdeen put out UEFA Cup holders Ipswich 4-2 on aggregate with Peter Weir scoring twice in the 3-1 second leg victory at Pittodrie; Arsenal topple Greek side Panathinaikos 1-0 at Highbury with a Brian Talbot goal to go through 3-0; West Brom go out 4-1 on aggregate to Grasshoppers of Zurich, losing 3-1 at home, but Dundee United achieve a 6-4 win over Monaco despite 2-1 home defeat in second leg. Southampton are held at home by Limerick but go through 4-1.
- Rangers and Swanssea go out of the European Cup Winners Cup to Dukla Prague and Lokomotiv Leipzig respectively, but Tottenham crush former European Cup winners Ajax 6-1 on aggregate.

Winterslag in UEFA Cup; Southampton crash 4-2 at home to Sporting Lisbon, managed by Malcolm Allison; Dundee United go down 2-0 in West Germany to Borussia Moenchengladbach; but Aberdeen defeat Rumanian side Arges Pitesti 3-0 in home leg.

- Tony Morley scores both goals as Aston Villa win 2-1 on their European Cup travels to Dynamo Berlin, but Liverpool are held to 2-2 draw by Alkmaar in Holland, Sammy Lee and David Johnson scoring.
- In the European Cup Winners' Cup, Tottenham are held to a 1-1 draw in Ireland by Dundalk, Garth Crooks scoring.
- Dundee United defeat Aberdeen 3-2 on aggregate to reach Scottish League Cup Final for the third successive year, while Rangers pip St Mirren 4-3 on aggregate to join them.

**● Our review of the season is continued over the next two pages.**

## NOVEMBER

- Arsenal go out of the UEFA Cup on the away goals rule despite 2-1 home defeat of Winterslag; Dundee United crush Borussia Moenchengladbach 5-0 to win 5-2 on aggregate; Southampton draw 0-0 in Portugal but go out 4-2 to Sporting Lisbon and Aberdeen go through after 2-2 draw in Rumania against Arges Pitesti.
- Aston Villa and Liverpool reach the quarter-finals of the European Cup, but Villa have a scare. They go through on away goals after losing 1-0 at home to Dynamo Berlin, while Liverpool pip Alkmaar 3-2 to win 5-4 on aggregate.
- In the European Cup Winners' Cup, Tottenham scrape home against Dundalk 1-0 thanks to a Garth Crooks goal.
- Fourth Division Bradford City hold Ipswich to a 1-1 draw at Portman Road in the League Cup third round, while Wigan put out Chelsea 4-2.
- England qualify for the World Cup Finals with a 1-0 Wembley victory over Hungary, Paul Mariner being the goal hero.
- Wales' hopes of a place in Spain virtually end with a 3-0 defeat in Russia,



David Armstrong joined Southampton from Middlesbrough for a club record £600,000 last season.

## JANUARY

- Altrincham create another F.A. Cup surprise with 4-1 second round defeat of York, while tiny Barnet hold Brighton to goalless draw in third round.
- Wrexham upset Nottingham Forest's FA Cup hopes with a 3-1 third round win at the City Ground; Jan Lohman scores Watford's winner against Manchester United, and Leicester topple Southampton 3-1.
- John Barnwell quits as manager of Wolves.
- In the League Cup quarter-finals, Barnsley draw 0-0 against Liverpool at Anfield before losing 2-1 at home.
- Adrian Heath leaves Stoke for Everton in £700,000 deal; Ray Kennedy goes to Swansea from Liverpool for £165,000 and Martin O'Neill returns to Norwich from Manchester City for £160,000.
- Clive Allen scores four goals as Queen's Park Rangers beat Blackpool in FA Cup replay.

# TRIUMPHS and

but Gerry Armstrong scores Northern Ireland's winner against Israel to put them into the Finals for only the second time.

- Scotland lose their unbeaten record in the World Cup qualifying programme, going down 2-1 in Portugal.
- Non-leaguers Penrith and Altrincham create F.A. Cup first round surprises with victories over Chester and Sheffield United respectively.
- Rangers win the Scottish League Cup with a 2-1 victory over Dundee United, substitute Ian Redford scoring the winner in the last minute.
- Aberdeen pip Hamburg 3-2 in first leg of their UEFA Cup third round.

## DECEMBER

- Ipswich beat Bradford 3-2 after extra time in League Cup third round, while Barnsley put out Manchester City with goal from Trevor Aylott. Liverpool score three goals in extra time against Arsenal to go through.
- Dundee United reach the UEFA Cup

quarter-finals for the first time with 5-0 aggregate victory over Belgian side Winterslag, but Aberdeen go out in Germany 5-4 on aggregate to Hamburg.

- Liverpool lose 3-0 to Brazilian champions Flamengo in the World Club Championship play-off in Tokyo.



Steve Archibald fires a shot at QPR hero Peter Hucker in the FA Cup Final.

## FEBRUARY

# APRIL

● Tottenham reach FA Cup Final for second time with 2-0 win over Leicester, Garth Crooks and Ian Wilson own goal being responsible, and Second Division Queen's Park Rangers thank Clive Allen for their Semi-Final win over West Brom.

● Second Division Forfar hold Rangers in Scottish Cup Semi-Finals, but eventually go down 3-1, while Aberdeen also need a replay to put out St Mirren.

● Aston Villa reach the European Cup Final for the first time, hanging on to Tony Morley's first leg winner against Anderlecht at Villa Park.

● Tottenham lose to Barcelona in a stormy European Cup Winners' Cup Semi-Final. Graham Roberts equalises at White Hart Lane, but the Spaniards win 1-0 in second leg.

● England reach UEFA Under 21 Championship Final with 2-1 aggregate win over Scotland. Garry Thompson scores winner in Scotland, while Adrian Heath gets the goal in the 1-1 second leg draw.



Clive Allen

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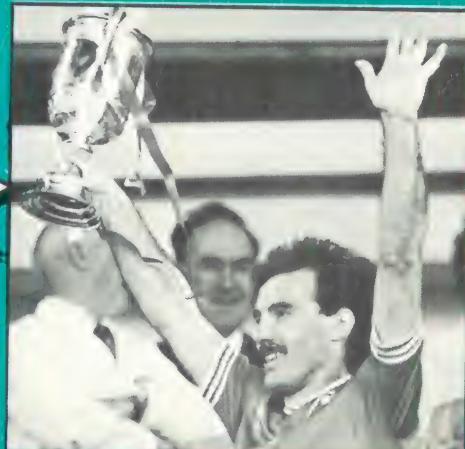
● Liverpool win their fifth League Championship in seven years, clinching it with the 3-1 home defeat of Tottenham.

● Tottenham retain the FA Cup after a replay with Queen's Park Rangers. Glenn Hoddle scores in both games, including the penalty winner in the replay.

● Aberdeen crush Rangers 4-1 in Scottish FA Cup Final, three goals coming in extra time.

● Celtic retain Scottish Premier Championship, clinching it on the last day of the season, 3-0 against St Mirren.

● Aston Villa make it six European Cup triumphs on the trot for England with battling 1-0 win over German champions Bayern Munich in Rotterdam, Peter Withe getting the winner.



Aberdeen skipper Willie Miller holds aloft the Scottish FA Cup after their 4-1 extra time victory over Rangers.

Gary Shaw fires Aston Villa towards their European Cup Final success with a goal against Dynamo Kiev in the quarter-finals.

# TRAGEDIES

- Liverpool reach the League Cup Final for the second successive year with 4-2 aggregate victory over Ipswich, while Mike Hazard puts Tottenham through with the only goal of the semi-final against West Brom.
- Chelsea cause an FA Cup shock in the fifth round with 2-0 home defeat of Liverpool, Peter Rhoades-Brown and Colin Lee getting the goals.
- Ron Saunders quits League Champions Aston Villa shortly before their European Cup quarter-final.
- Aberdeen put Celtic out of the Scottish Cup with a goal from John Hewitt.
- Scotland crash 3-0 in Spain as they begin their build-up to the World Cup Finals.
- Ipswich's Alan Brazil scores all five goals in 5-2 defeat of Southampton.
- England slam Northern Ireland 4-0 at Wembley in British Championship.

# MARCH

- Liverpool lose their hold on the European Cup, losing 2-0 in Bulgaria to CSKA Sofia after Ronnie Whelan had scored the only goal at Anfield, but Villa reach the Semi-Finals 2-0 on aggregate against Russia's Dynamo Kiev, Ken McNaught and Gary Shaw scoring in the second leg at Villa Park.

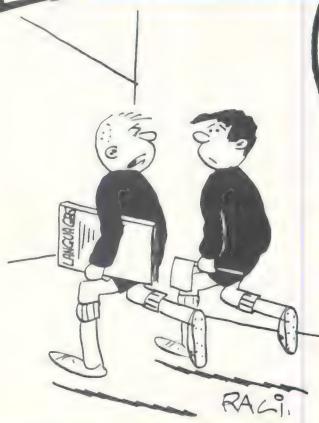
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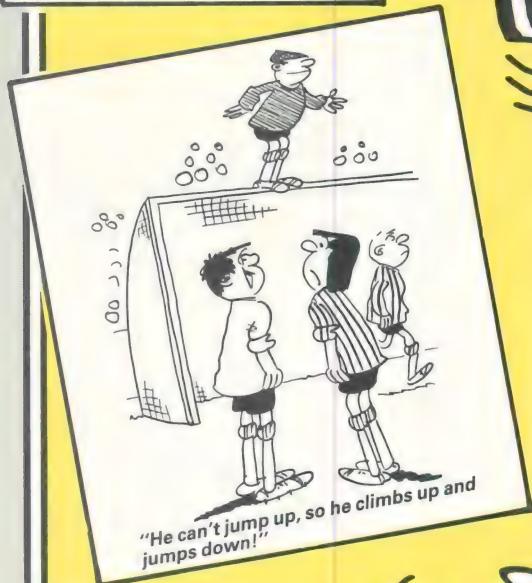
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"There's so many foreign players in  
English football today!"



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# 'THE BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT OF MY CAREER' — JOHN O'NEILL

NORTHERN Ireland defender John O'Neill has spoken of 'the biggest disappointment of my career'.

The Leicester centre-half looked a certainty to make the starting line up in Spain after playing in all his country's World Cup qualifiers. Instead his experience of the Finals lasted just five minutes.

John found himself dropped in place of Rangers star John McClelland and he says: "It was a heartbreaking moment when I realised I wasn't in the team. It was the lowest point of my career.

"The fact that I'd played in all the qualifiers made it all the worse," says John, who before the competition kicked off had played in 17 of his country's previous 18 internationals.

"I sensed that my place alongside Chris Nicholl in the centre of defence was in jeopardy while we trained at Brighton before the competition got under way.

"But the manager didn't give me any explanation as to why he'd dropped me until we were getting ready for our third game against host nation Spain.

"An explanation would certainly have eased the pain of missing out.

"The reason Billy Bingham wanted to speak to me before the Spain game was because there had been reports in the Press that we'd had a row. Those were totally untrue.

"While I was with him I asked him why I'd been dropped and he explained that everyone had been judged on their performances in Brighton.

"I found that hard to take after playing so many games on the trot for Ireland," says John, who made his international debut

against Israel in 1980.

"But Billy is the manager of the side and I've got to accept his decisions, however disappointing they may be to me personally."

Now John knows that he faces a tough battle to reclaim his place in the first team. He says: "The manager won't make many changes from the team that did so well in Spain.

"I don't believe this is the end of my international career however. I'm only 23 and have many years ahead of me.

"Anything can happen in football. A couple of players might pick up injuries and I could be back in the reckoning."

Ironically John had rocked his club Leicester with a transfer request last season because he felt First Division football would boost his chances of playing in Spain.

A transfer never came and John lost his place. But he says: "It's difficult to say if it would have been any different if I'd been in the top flight.

"I suppose if I had been a First Division player it might have put more pressure on the manager to pick me. People might have asked questions as to why a man from the top flight was left out."

All in all it was a depressing end of the season for the Derry-born player. Leicester were knocked out in the FA Cup Semi-Finals, they failed in their promotion bid and John only made a token appearance in Spain. That was against France in Ireland's last match.

"Things couldn't really have turned out much worse for me. There was so much expectation and excitement at one stage, but it all turned flat."

As well as John's continued efforts to gain a move to another club in the close season, the club were also shocked by the departure of tough Scottish manager Jock Wallace, who moved back across the border to take up a lucrative post at Motherwell.

"That decision was unbelievable and shocked all the players. Whenever a job vacancy arose Jock's name was invariably mentioned, but we

# JUDGED JOHN

took no notice of the rumours," says John.

"The only time we thought we might lose him was when Ron Saunders resigned at Aston Villa. There were strong rumours that

he'd take over at Villa Park.

"Jock's heart is really in Scottish football though and I'm sure he'll relish the challenge of establishing Motherwell in the Premier Division."



Leicester manager Jock Wallace's move to Motherwell shocked the players, said John O'Neill.

Defender John O'Neill: "Missing out in the World Cup Finals was the biggest disappointment of my career."

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# SEVEN



Alan Kennedy — he scored the winner when Liverpool won the trophy in 1981 and will be hoping to repeat that success this season.

## European Cup Finals over the years

- 1956 — Real Madrid (Spain) 4, Stade de Reims (France) 3.
- 1957 — Real Madrid 2, Fiorentina (Italy) 0.
- 1958 — Real Madrid 3, AC Milan (Italy) 2\*.
- 1959 — Real Madrid 2, Stade de Reims 0.
- 1960 — Real Madrid 7, Eintracht (W. Germany) 3.
- 1961 — Benfica (Portugal) 3, Barcelona (Spain) 2.
- 1962 — Benfica 5, Real Madrid 3.
- 1963 — AC Milan 2, Benfica 1.
- 1964 — Inter-Milan (Italy) 3, Real Madrid 1.
- 1965 — Inter-Milan 1, Benfica 0.
- 1966 — Real Madrid 2, Partizan Belgrade (Yugoslavia) 1.
- 1967 — Celtic (Scotland) 2, Inter-Milan 1.
- 1968 — Man. United (England) 4, Benfica 1\*.
- 1969 — AC Milan 4, Ajax (Holland) 1.
- 1970 — Feyenoord (Holland) 2, Celtic 1\*.
- 1971 — Ajax 2, Panathiniakos (Greece) 0.
- 1972 — Ajax 2, Inter-Milan 0.
- 1973 — Ajax 1, Juventus (Italy) 0.
- 1974 — Bayern Munich (W. Germany) 4, Atletico Madrid (Spain) 0+.
- 1975 — Bayern Munich 2, Leeds (England) 0.
- 1976 — Bayern Munich 1, St Etienne (France) 0.
- 1977 — Liverpool (England) 3, Borussia M (W. Germany) 1.
- 1978 — Liverpool 1, Bruges (Belgium) 0.
- 1979 — Nottingham Forest (England) 1, Malmo (Sweden) 0.
- 1980 — Nottingham Forest 1, Hamburg (W. Germany) 0.
- 1981 — Liverpool 1, Real Madrid 0.
- 1982 — Aston Villa 1, Bayern Munich 0.

Key: \* after extra time; + after a replay.

LIVERPOOL and Aston Villa will be out this season to improve England's proud record as the most successful country in the history of the European Cup.

Villa's battling 1-0 victory over Bayern Munich in last season's Rotterdam climax was England's seventh club championship in the competition's 27 years.

It was also England's sixth successive victory in the coveted event which is also a new landmark.

England had previously shared the two records with Spain who dominated the early years of the competition in the shape of the legendary Real Madrid.

They won the first five championships, and then added a sixth in 1966.

But England, through Liverpool three times, Nottingham Forest twice and Villa, have kept the crown on these shores since 1977.

And Villa winger Tony Morley is confident it will stay here:

"We were European novices last season but, after winning the Cup, the lads are determined to keep it at Villa Park."

"And if we don't manage that, I'm sure Liverpool are capable of keeping the trophy in England."

After Real Madrid, Liverpool rank as the most successful club with three wins, along with Bayern Munich and Ajax who both recorded three successive triumphs.

In fact, for the past 13 years, only three different countries have had possession of the

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trophy — Holland for four years, West Germany for the next three and then England for the remaining six.

Feyenoord were Holland's other successful side, while Italy share third place with them on four wins, two each by AC Milan and Inter-Milan.

The only other countries to have won the championship are Portugal, through Benfica twice, and Scotland who produced Britain's first victory with Celtic in 1967.

A year later Manchester United became the first English winners of the trophy in a Wembley thriller with Benfica, and then we had to wait nine years for Liverpool to reclaim the title with a 3-1 win over Borussia Moenchengladbach in Rome.

They followed that with a 1-0 Wembley victory over Bruges, and then Nottingham Forest took over with successive 1-0 victories over Sweden's Malmo and Kevin Keegan's Hamburg.

And then Villa, through Peter Withe, made it five 1-0 wins on the trot, this time at the expense of Bayern Munich.

So England have had seven winners in eight Finals, the odd one out being Don Revie's Leeds

### ALL-TIME TABLE OF WINNERS

	Wins	Finalists
ENGLAND	7	8
SPAIN	6	11
HOLLAND	4	5
ITALY	4	9
WEST GERMANY	3	7
PORTUGAL	2	5
SCOTLAND	1	2
FRANCE	0	3
BELGIUM	0	1
GREECE	0	1
SWEDEN	0	1
YUGOSLAVIA	0	1

### MOST SUCCESSFUL CLUBS

	Wins
Real Madrid (Spain)	6
Liverpool (England)	3
Bayern Munich (W. Germany)	3
Ajax (Holland)	3
Benfica (Portugal)	2
AC Milan (Italy)	2
Inter-Milan (Italy)	2
Nott'm Forest (England)	2

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ITALIAN champions Juventus are the hot favourites to break England's stranglehold on the European Cup.

It's 13 years since the coveted club prize was in Italy, and they would dearly love to have it on show alongside the World Cup at the end of this season.

It's not difficult to see why the Italian giants are strongly tipped to win the trophy for the first time.

They have six of Italy's World Cup winning team in their ranks, and have signed two of Europe's biggest stars in Poland's Zbigniew Boniek and France captain Michel Platini.

It's a star-studded combination which manager Giovanni Trapattoni hopes will put them alongside Italian rivals Inter-Milan and AC Milan as winners of the European crown. They had high hopes last

# YEAR HIGH

## CAN BRITISH CLUBS MAINTAIN THEIR STRANGLEHOLD ON EUROPE?

in 1975 when they became Bayern's second victims in their hat-trick of wins.

Spain have had no fewer than eleven finalists, two more than Italy.

Of the countries still to win the trophy, France have had three beaten finalists in Stade de Reims twice and St Etienne.

Belgium (Bruges), Yugoslavia (Partizan Belgrade), Greece (Panathinakiakos) and Sweden (Malmö) are the other countries who have been represented in the Final without success.

So the battle is now hotting up to end England's monopoly on Europe's greatest club honour.

Villa now have the pressure of carrying the tag of Champions, knowing that every team will be eager to knock them off their pedestal. And it's Italian champions Juventus who represent the main threat.

But they don't frighten England winger Tony Morley, who laid on Peter Withe's 'Golden Goal' in last season's Final:

"One has to have a very healthy respect for teams like Juventus, but as the champions, we demand the same respect from them," he says.

"I would love the challenge of playing against the Italians. The bigger the team, the better I seem to play, and their names don't frighten me."

## FOREIGN THREAT

season with five of Italy's World Cup squad — veteran goalkeeper Dino Zoff and the defensive barrier of Antonio Cabrini, Claudio Gentile, Gaetano Scirea and Marco Tardelli — in their line-up, but Belgian aces Anderlecht flattened them in the Second Round.

Their credentials are far more impressive this time however, with 'Golden Boy' Paolo Rossi, back after a two-year suspension and the addition of Boniek and Platini.

Rossi, top scorer in the World Cup Finals with six goals, may be without his old striking partner Roberto Bettega who has been out of action since last November with a knee injury, but Boniek's inclusion should more than compensate for that.

Boniek, signed from Widzew Łódź, is capable of playing in midfield or as a striker where he

scored a hat-trick against Belgium in the World Cup.

Platini has been snapped up from St Etienne as a replacement for former Arsenal star Liam Brady who helped Juventus win the Italian Championship for the past two seasons. It looks as though the Republic of Ireland ace will be staying in Italy with Sampdoria.

So Juventus, beaten in the 1973 European Cup Final as Dutch aces Ajax completed a hat-trick of successes, rate as the biggest threat to Liverpool and defending champions Aston Villa.

But there are other dangers lurking in the shape of West Germany's Hamburg, Spain's Real Sociedad and Russia's Dynamo Kiev.

Hamburg, runners-up to Nottingham Forest in 1980 with England's Kevin Keegan in their



Top: A magical moment for Villa skipper Dennis Mortimer as he lifts the giant European Cup high above his head after the defeat of Bayern Munich last season.

Above: West German international Felix Magath — he will be parading his skills for Hamburg in this season's competition.

line-up, deposed Bayern Munich as champions of the Bundesliga with three of West Germany's World Cup Final squad in their side — attacking full back Manny Kaltz, clever midfield player Felix Magath and powerful striker Horst Hrubesch.

Real Sociedad, bidding to become only the second Spanish club to win the title, have no fewer than six of the international squad in their camp, including goalkeeping skipper Luis Arconada, strikers Jesus Saturstegui and Lopez Ufarte, and star midfield player Jesus Zamora.

Russian champions Dynamo Kiev bowed out to Aston Villa in the Quarter-Finals of last season's competition, but they are again fancied to do well with five regular Russian internationals in their side, including ace striker Oleg Blokhin.

The others are defenders Anatoliy Demianenko, Sergey Baltacha and midfield operators Andrei Bal and Vladimir Bessonov.

And if you are looking for an outside tip then what about French champions Monaco who will be out to underline the improvement shown by their national side in Spain.

# Name . . . Glenn Hoddle. Born . . . Hayes, . . . October 27 1957. Height . . . 6ft 1ins.

LET'S start by finding out a little bit about Glenn Hoddle, the person. When did you get married and what are your plans for a family?

GLENN: "I married my wife Anne, a teacher, three years ago and we are expecting our first baby in January. I'm delighted at the prospect.

"Like a lot of couples, we would like two children and it would be perfect if we could have a boy and a girl."

**If you had a son, would you encourage him to follow in your footsteps and pursue a career in football?**

GLENN: "Quite honestly, I would leave it up to him. I've never had any regrets about going into soccer, but I would be just as pleased if he made a success of a different career. There are so many risks attached to a youngster trying to make the grade in football."

**How did you get your chance with Tottenham?**

GLENN: "I was an 11-year-old playing for a team called Spinney Dynamos in Harlow when I was first spotted.

"I was recommended by two young referees — they were twins — who also used to referee youth team games for Spurs. But three months went by and I heard nothing.

"In the meantime, Dynamos had reached a local cup final and former Spurs players Martin Chivers and Ray Evans came along to present the trophies.

"I'd enjoyed a good game in the match, my name was once more mentioned at White Hart Lane and I was invited along for a trial.

"I used to go along for training twice a week while continuing to play for Dynamos and another team called Potter Street Rangers."

**And it was while playing for Dynamos that you suffered your worst injury in football?**

GLENN: "That's right. I went into a tackle and emerged with a damaged cartilage in my right knee.

"Because I was so young — I think I was 14 or 15 at the time — it caused some concern. But because I was under Spurs' wing, they saw to it that I had specialist treatment and I'm so grateful to the club."

**GLENN HODDLE is one of football's hottest properties but what makes him tick? Our in-depth profile provides the answers . . .**

# PROFILE OF A SUPERSTAR

**You are the idol of so many fans but who are your favourite British players — past and present?**

GLENN: "My all-time favourite has always been George Best — I don't think there will ever be anyone like him. Certainly not one that gets the publicity he did.

"His image put him alongside the 'Beatles' pop group in terms of popularity. He was almost like a fifth member of the group.

"And, of course, he was a brilliant player.

"He scored the best goal I've ever seen in a match between Manchester United and Sheffield United when he drifted past five players before cracking the ball home off a post.

"As for current players, my favourite would be Spurs skipper Steve Perryman.

"I was delighted to see him pick up the 'Footballer of the Year' award last season . . . even though it was me he pipped!

"Steve is a first class captain both off the field as well as on it. He always has time for people — inside or outside the club.

"On the field he does a great job although for years he was underrated.

"He's good enough to have won 60 or 70 caps for England, but it's probably only in the last three years that his true ability has been realised."

**And your favourite other team?**

GLENN: "West Ham — even though they are big rivals of ours in the capital.

"I've always enjoyed watching them play — both as a Spurs fan in the past and as a player now.

"I know that whenever we play West Ham, there is going to be good football played. In a lot of ways, they like to play the same way we do.

"They've had some great players down the years like Martin Peters, Bobby Moore and Geoff Hurst and I've a lot of admiration for players like Trevor Brooking and Alan Devonshire currently on the staff."

**We saw some great stars in action during the World Cup. Who is your favourite player?**

GLENN: "I was always a great admirer of the great Dutch player Van Hanegem and Wolfgang Overath of West Germany, but now I would pick Zico of Brazil.

"He was the star player of the World Cup Finals in my book even though Brazil failed to reach the Semi-Finals.

"He has tremendous all-round ability and he's so skilful.

"I'd love to play alongside him for Spurs!

"As for Brazilian players coming to play in the English League, I think it may only be a matter of time before we see it happen.

"It could only be good for our game."

**Which players would you pick**

**to form your best all-time British team?**

GLENN: "Without thinking too much about whether it would make a good team in the tactical sense, this would be my choice: Pat Jennings, Danny McGrain, Roy McFarland, Bobby Moore, Kenny Sansom, Alan Hudson, Trevor Brooking, Tony Currie, Bobby Charlton, Kevin Keegan, George Best.

"Special mention of the youngest player in my line-up — Kenny Sansom.

"I've always rated him very highly both as an attacking defender and stopper and he's gaining experience all the time. A lot of people think he's older than he really is because he seems to have been at the top for so long."

**And your all-time international XI?**

GLENN: "Diego Maradona might have had a disappointing World Cup in many people's eyes but he still gets in my team. He's brilliant.

"This would be it: Jennings (N. Ireland), Marinho (Brazil), Beckenbauer (West Germany), Moore (England), Sansom (England), Cruyff (Holland), Bobby Charlton (England), Zico (Brazil), Best (N. Ireland), Pele (Brazil), Maradona (Argentina)."

**Old Trafford is the favourite away ground of so many players, but what would your choice be?**

GLENN: "Stoke's Victoria Ground gets the vote for a very special reason.

"That's where I made my full debut for Tottenham . . . and I scored the winning goal as we won 2-1, beating Peter Shilton in the process!

"I'd been on as a substitute for half a game before that day, but this was the first time I had made the starting line-up.

"I got my chance because Ralph Coates was injured and I played in the centre of midfield between my current club skipper Steve Perryman



Above: Glenn slides in to score what he thought would be the winning goal in last season's FA Cup Final — the most magical moment of his career.

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and John Pratt.

"I was very nervous before the match because I'd had two days to think about it, but once the game kicked off I was perfectly okay.

"The goal itself was a left foot drive from about 25 yards out and I don't need to tell you how great I felt when I saw it hit the back of the net.

"I was opposing one of my favourite players that day in Alan Hudson and he was tremendous. He never stopped encouraging me during the game and praising me if I did something good.

"I remember we had a big family celebration the night after the match."

### So much for the grounds back home, but what about your favourite foreign stadium?

GLENN: "It used to be the Athletic Madrid stadium, but now I would plump for Barcelona's Nou Camp, having played there for Spurs against Barcelona in the Cup Winners Cup.

"Everything about the place is just perfect — the pitch, the stands, the dressing rooms . . . it really made you want to play football.

"And you can imagine the atmosphere with 92,000 people crammed inside."

### What would you consider the best goal you have ever scored?

GLENN: "A lot of goals have given me pleasure but I doubt I'll ever score a better goal than the one against Manchester United in the League Cup in 1979.

"At the time, a lot of people thought it came from a set-piece but it was a one-off in every sense . . .

"The move started with Terry Yorath. He found me with a free kick on the right and I flicked it inside to Ossie Ardiles and then ran round the back of Mike Thomas.

"Ossie's return was a little high and I was a bit undecided whether to take it on or hit it first time.

"I settled on the shot and I was so thankful I did as I saw my right foot volley fly into the top corner of the net.

"I knew straight away it was something better than I had ever scored before and the crowd were still buzzing when United kicked off for the re-start."

### What is the most memorable match you have ever played in and what is your own magic moment in football?

GLENN: "The most memorable game would have to be when I made my debut for England against Bulgaria at Wembley in November 1979. And to score made it a dream come true.

"I was delighted with my game that night although the goal let me off the hook because I'd missed an easier chance before.

"I wasn't sure what people meant by the England spirit before I met the lads but I soon found out.

"They kept encouraging me throughout the game and everything came naturally — just like at Spurs.

"I remember I had gone round Wembley for the first time in my life two days before the match and even though it was completely empty I realised then why people love playing there so much.

"I was nervous before the kick-off but all the butterflies disappeared when I ran out and spotted my family in the stands.

"After that, it was just another 90 minutes . . . but a memorable one nevertheless.

"As for my own magic moment in football it would have to be scoring what I thought was going to be the winning goal in last season's Cup Final against Queen's Park Rangers.

"Of course, it's history now that Rangers came back to equalise and deny me my moment of glory but it was still a great feeling at the time.

"There was only about ten minutes of extra time left when I won a tackle in midfield.

"I kept running towards the box, Graham Roberts slipped the ball back in to me and although I had to stretch I got the all-important touch to send the ball between Tony Currie's legs and into the net."

### What other sports do you enjoy when you are not playing football?

GLENN: "I play both tennis and golf more than anything and tennis is the one I really love.

"A little part of me says I wouldn't have minded pursuing tennis as a career.

"In fact, when I was 15 I was offered the chance of some professional coaching but by then I was involved with Spurs and I chose to stick with my football.

"I play tennis with various people but I often have a game with my team mate Garth Crooks. My wife Anne also plays and so does my brother Carl so I'm never short of a partner.

"I'm something of a fair weather golfer. I don't play very much in the winter months. I enjoy the game but it takes up so much time. When things are going well, I play to about a 12 handicap."

### What are your general 'likes' in life?

GLENN: "Listening to my records and going to pop concerts come high on my list.

"My musical tastes are quite varied — the Eagles, Bad Company, Elton John, Billy Joel, Johnny Mathis . . . I like them all.

"And I've met quite a few of the bands and singers back stage when I've gone to concerts.

"I probably get to about eight or nine concerts a year — usually at the Wembley centre — and I think the best two groups I've seen live are the Eagles and Earth Wind and Fire.

"You can't beat the atmosphere with about 8,000 people crammed inside.

"I'm also a great admirer of Cliff Richard and I think if there was one artist I'd like to meet it would be him.

"Autobiographies are my favourite reading and I enjoyed Cliff's story more than any other I've read.

"My own autobiography comes out this Autumn. It took about six or seven months to put together and I really enjoyed doing it.

"When I'm not reading books, it's usually sports magazines . . . including 'Match Weekly' of course."

### What are your television tastes?

GLENN: "I love watching a good



comedy and my two favourites are 'Fawlty Towers' and the 'Two Ronnies'.

"I think John Cleese, who plays Basil Fawlty, the hotel owner, is superb.

"I can tell you that the lads at Spurs have christened a few hotels 'Fawlty Towers' on our travels.

"I also enjoy watching sport on TV — anything from darts to football. When it comes to soccer, however, I'd sooner watch other teams rather than Spurs.

"That's probably because I've already seen the game once!

"The TV programmes I always switch off are the political ones. Panorama was always the one I really hated."

### What is your professional ambition?

GLENN: "It would have to be playing on the winning side in a World Cup Final."

"England getting knocked out of the Finals in Spain was the biggest disappointment of my career to date.

"As I said at the time, I didn't feel we deserved to be knocked out and I felt we could have won the Cup.

"To actually win the World Cup must be the pinnacle of any players' career . . . let's hope it happens for England in 1986."

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# SATURDAY AFTERNOON FEVER

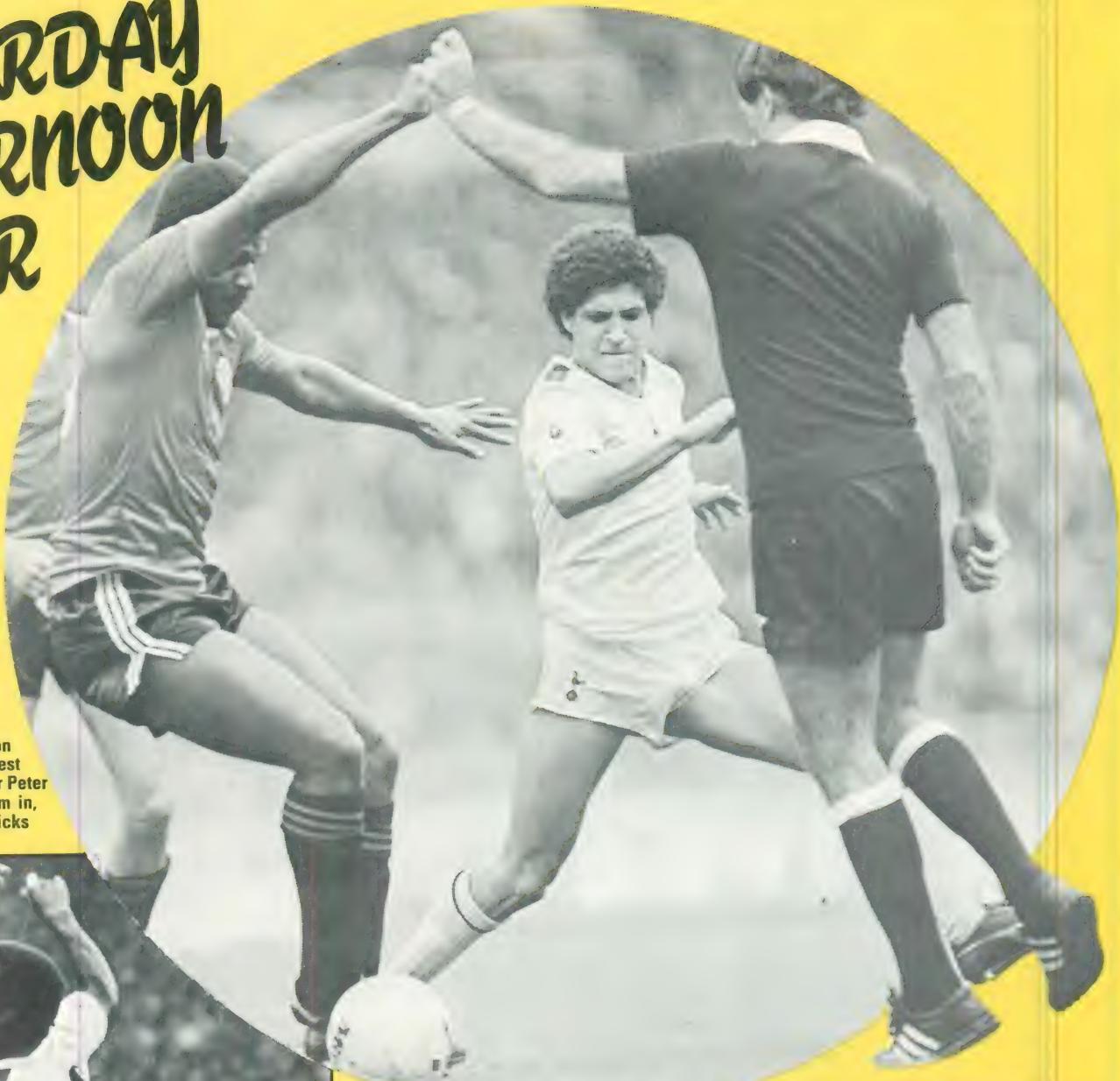
## SATURDAY AFTERNOON FEVER

EAT your heart out John Travolta! Here's a few dance steps that even you can't do.

Right: The referee's rhumba, as demonstrated by Clive White and Queen's Park Rangers' Bob Hazell. Spurs' Chris Hughton sways to the beat.

Below: The Tottenham two-step. Spurs' Garth Crooks finds QPR's Glenn Roeder an adept partner.

Bottom right: The Shilton shuffle. Nottingham Forest and England goalkeeper Peter Shilton puts his left arm in, his right arm out and kicks his leg about.



# CHERRY-RIPE!

## ...FOR ANOTHER THREE YEARS WITH LEEDS

FORMER England defender Trevor Cherry wants to finish his career in the First Division with Leeds United.

The 35-year-old veteran looked set to leave Elland Road in the close season after the club had been relegated to the Second Division.

Trevor was among a host of top stars who were unsettled at the club. The list included Paul Hart, former Scottish international Kenny Burns and Welsh star Brian Flynn.

But the sacking of manager Allan Clarke and the appointment of full-back Eddie Gray as player-manager persuaded Trevor that his future lies with Leeds.

"I didn't get on well with Allan Clarke and I was disappointed at the way things happened last season," said Trevor.

"Most of our problems last term were off the field and I decided to move because I couldn't see the club being successful.

"It was a hard decision to take because Leeds are a good club and I've been here a long time. I was also settled in the area, but I'd just come through my worst ever season with the club," said Trevor, who joined Leeds from Huddersfield for £100,000 back in June 1972.

Last term was in sharp contrast to the success Trevor enjoyed in his early days with the club. He picked up a League Championship medal in 1973/74 and FA Cup and European Cup winners-Cup runners-up medals.

"I changed my mind after chatting to the new manager. I've known Eddie for a long time and we get on very well.

"Now my main ambition is to help Leeds win the Second Division Championship, but I know that's not going to be an easy task.

"If we are going to be successful this season we've got to maintain the right attitude throughout the campaign. There aren't going to be any visits to the Liverpool's and Manchester United's of this world.

"We'll be going to some unfashionable places on days we don't fancy playing. It's up to us to pull our fingers out and battle.

"It's going to be interesting in some respects because there are quite a few Yorkshire teams in the Second Division. That means there'll be some derby clashes to add an edge."

Trevor last played in the Second Division in his Huddersfield days and he said: "From what I remember then it was a lot more hectic than the top flight."

Trevor, who was capped 27 times for England, still believes he's got another three years left in him at the top level.

"I want to end my career in the First Division with Leeds and I believe Eddie Gray can help me achieve that ambition," he added.

Former Scottish international winger Eddie was a somewhat surprise choice as manager, but there's no doubt it was a



Stalwart defender Trevor Cherry wants to finish his career with Leeds in the First Division.

popular appointment among the players.

When he joined Leeds at 15 the club were in the Second Division. Now 16 years later it's his job to restore their pride and First Division status.

And the man, who has played in nearly every position on the field for the club and picked up many major honours, believes the glory days could soon be on the way back.

But there are no rash predictions from the quiet man. he said: "My players are grown men and professional people. They know what's expected of them."

There are some very good players at Elland Road and I believe they are good enough to take us back to the First Division, but it's not going to be easy."

Eddie, Leeds seventh manager in eight years, was on holiday when all the speculation arose regarding Allan Clarke's future in the Elland Road hot-seat.

But he said: "It wouldn't be true to say that I was completely taken by surprise when the board asked me to meet them and discuss the job.

"As soon as I realised Allan was going I thought I might stand a chance being a senior player and knowing the club as I do."

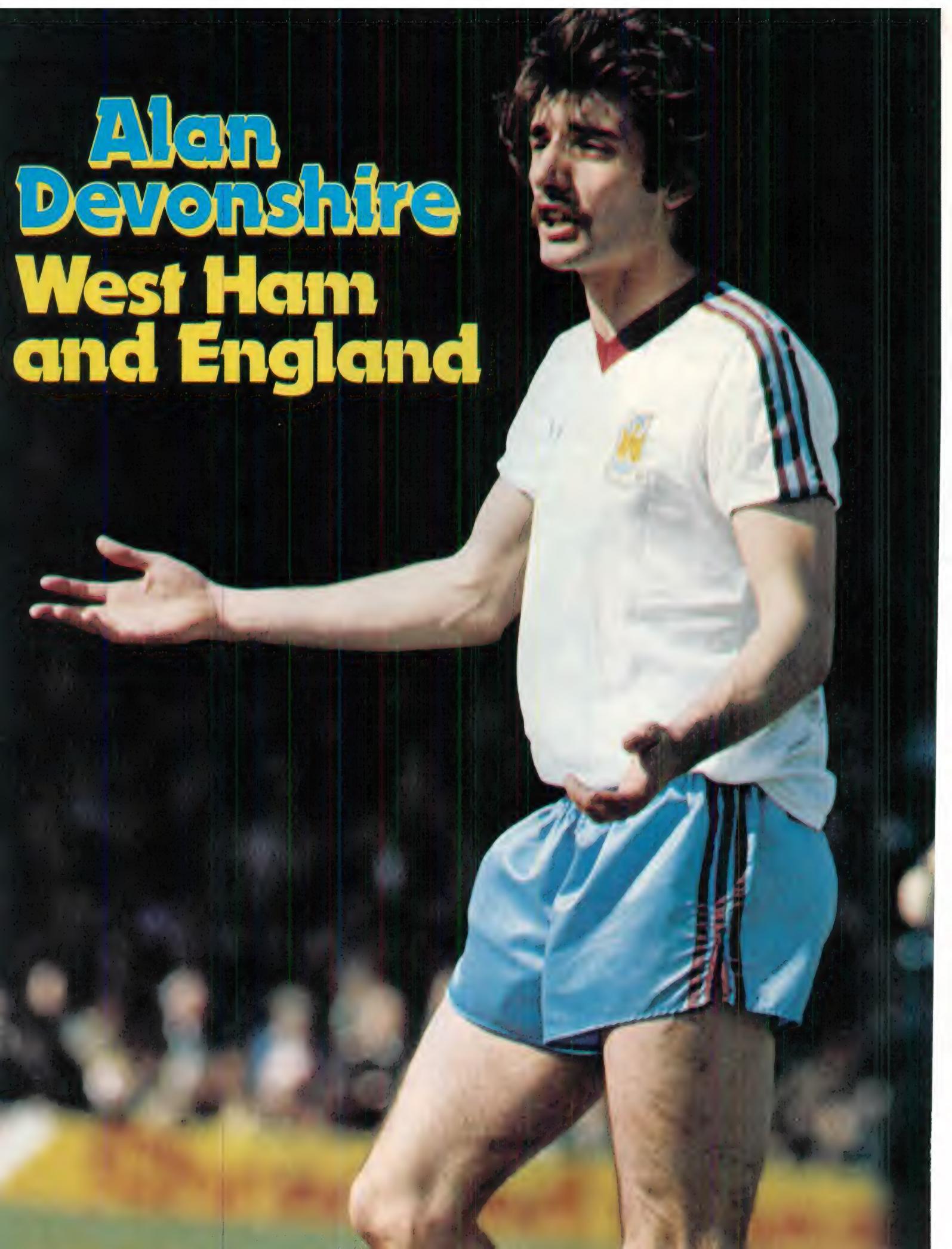
"After all, I joined the groundstaff in 1963 and I've seen a lot happen and worked with a lot of managers.

"I was just delighted to accept the challenge at Leeds."

On the pitch Eddie's football philosophy is very simple. He said: "I'll be trying to get my team to let in as few goals as possible and score as many as they can at the other end!"

"I also want them to play winning football. I'm loathe to make comparisons but Liverpool are an example of a good team — the whole side attacks and the whole side defends."

# Alan Devonshire West Ham and England



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John Jackson gives his no-punches-pulled views on today's top stoppers.

## JACKSON HITS AT GOALKEEPING STANDARDS

# SAVE OUR STOPPERS

**JOHN** Jackson, the elder statesman among goalkeepers, is not impressed by England's new breed of 'keepers.

The 40-year-old former Crystal Palace, Orient and Millwall veteran is worried about the future of the number one England spot after the current era of Peter Shilton, Ray Clemence and Joe Corrigan.

Manchester United's Gary Bailey is being hailed as the next England 'keeper, but John, who played against him last season in his one and only First Division appearance for Ipswich, doesn't rate him as international class.

"I've seen Gary several times and he is certainly not in the same class as Peter Shilton and Ray Clemence were at his age," says John, who has played against and seen most of the top 'keepers in the past twenty years.

### Not happy

"He seems none too happy with crosses and doesn't boss the penalty area with any degree of confidence.

"At the moment, I wouldn't rate him as good enough to become the next England 'keeper.

"In fact, the only young goalkeepers to impress me over the past two years are Everton's Nev Southall, who is a Welshman, and Queen's Park Rangers' Peter Hucker.

"There are plenty of good goalkeepers around in the First Division, but not all of them would make good international players.

"The quality of the young 'keepers is not so high as when Clemence, Shilton and Corrigan were in their youth.

"At that time, every kid wanted to be a goalkeeper because Gordon Banks had become a hero.

"Now all the kids want to be midfield players or strikers."

Former England star Gordon Banks will always be the number one for John.

"He was the best and will always be in my eyes, but at the moment Peter Shilton is undoubtedly the best in the world.

"He works so hard at his game and that's the main reason why he got the vote over Ray Clemence in the World Cup Finals.

"Ray is still one of the best in the world, but, like Arsenal's Pat Jennings, he tends to be a little lazy at times.

"The sign of a good goalkeeper is one who commands the whole penalty area and keeps fellow defenders alive to any situation.

"That's what makes Peter so outstanding, and he proved himself in the World Cup by conceding only one goal in five matches."

John was impressed with a few of the World Cup goalkeepers, notably Russia's Rinat Dasaev, Poland's Jozef Mylnarczyk and West Germany's Harald Schumacher.

"I played against Schumacher in a Continental tournament for Ipswich before the start of last season and he caught my eye then," says John.

"I was also impressed with Cameroon's Thomas N'Kono who comes from a nation not known for its football.

"But I'm not a fan of Spain's Luis Arconada, who was rated as Europe's number one before the Finals.

"I know he frustrated England in that final match, but he is not in the same street as Peter Shilton and one or two of the other 'keepers I have mentioned."

**DAVID** Cross, one of the most respected goalscorers in the game, gives his tips for the top . . . and names the two young strikers he believes could be leading the England line when the next World Cup comes round.

ENGLAND'S firing squad for the next World Cup could be Aston Villa's Gary Shaw and West Brom's Cyrille Regis.

They are the young players with the most England potential at the moment in the First Division, although there is plenty of time for new candidates to emerge between now and Colombia in 1986.

Big Cyrille, my successor at West Brom when I moved to West Ham five years ago, has already had a taste of the international scene, and was rather unfortunate not to make the trip to Spain.

He's a big, bustling striker who had a tremendous time last season scoring 17 First Division goals to help keep West Brom in the top flight.

He also blasted several spectacular cup goals to enable Albion to reach the Semi-Finals in both domestic cup competitions, but in the end Aston Villa's Peter Withe was preferred as cover for Ipswich's Paul Mariner in the World Cup Finals.

Big Cyrille is a different type of line leader than the current England men. His forte is turning defenders on a five pence piece and attacking them from deep positions.

Whether he is the kind of target man young Gary Shaw would appreciate is a matter of conjecture.

Successful striking partnerships develop over a length of time, not overnight, so only time would tell whether they had the right blend.

I was very impressed with Gary Shaw two seasons ago when Aston Villa lifted the First Division Championship.

He formed a profitable understanding with big Peter Withe who acted as the ideal foil for young Gary to feed off.

Last season Gary had a few injury problems and didn't reach the same high level of consistency, but I still rate him as the best young striker around in the First Division.

Apart from producing goals in the First Division, he has also had valuable experience in the European Cup which will all help in the future should he graduate to full England status.

Apart from the two young strikers I have mentioned, there are several other players who could be knocking on the door if they fulfil their potential over the next couple of years.

My former striking partner at West Ham, Paul Goddard, immediately springs to mind.



and he was included in Ron Greenwood's initial World Cup squad of forty.

He is a good finisher with both feet and with 32 League goals in two seasons at West Ham, has proved he has the ability to score goals on a regular basis.

Southampton's Steve Moran is another young player with plenty of potential, although there must be question marks about him being able to recover his sharpness after a serious back injury.

I have never actually seen Steve play in a live match, but from what I have seen on television, he appears to be a very quick, alert player with an eye for a goal.

Coventry have a couple of strong young strikers in Garry

# DEADLY

# DUO

— that's  
**Regis**  
and  
**Shaw**

Thompson and Mark Hateley.

They are both very powerful men, particularly in the air, with Mark looking every inch the image of his famous father Tony, although he probably gets annoyed with the comparisons.

Garry and Mark both helped England Under-21's reach the European Finals last season, and must have high hopes of continuing up the international ladder.

Big Justin Fashanu failed to live up to his £1 million price tag at Nottingham Forest last season, scoring only three goals in 31 games, but he was probably feeling the pressure.

He had some good times with Norwich, and he might find his goal touch to push his name back into the frame.

The only other young England striker who catches the eye is Stoke's Lee Chapman who did well last season with 16 goals in a relegation haunted side.

Maybe if Stoke had a little more success, he might become more of a household name. He's very direct in his approach, leads the line well and has good control for a big lad.

But if I was a betting man, I would put my money on Gary Shaw and Cyrille Regis to be England's next striking partnership.



Above: Cyrille Regis — unfortunate not to go to Spain. Left: Gary Shaw — the best young striker in the First Division.

# QUESTION



**1** Second Division Leicester had three different players in goal during their FA Cup Quarter Final clash against Shrewsbury last season. Can you name them?

**2** On their way to the Fourth Division Championship Sheffield United broke two records. What were they?

Above: This Leicester player will help you solve question 1.

SO you think you know your football. Well now's the chance to find out just how much you really know by pitting your wits against the Match Weekly quizmaster who has set these twenty tricky teasers.

You'll find the answers on page 126 — if you need them!

**3** England got off to a winning start in the World Cup Finals with a 3-1 win over France. Can you name the English scorers in that game?

**4** Birmingham striker Mick Harford moved to St Andrews on transfer deadline day last season and made sure of playing in all four League divisions in the space of 15 months. Can you name his previous League clubs?

**5** Aberdeen beat St Mirren 3-2 to reach the Scottish FA Cup Final last season. Who did Glasgow giants Rangers overcome at the same stage?

**6** Liverpool retained the League Cup with a 3-1 victory over Spurs. Who scored the goals that day?

**7** Aston Villa cruised into the Fourth Round of last season's FA Cup with a 6-0 win over Notts County. Who scored a hat-trick that night?



Birmingham striker Mick Harford — can you name his previous three League clubs?

Left: £1m striker Trevor Francis is featured in question 8.

**8** Trevor Francis became a £1m footballer for the second time when he moved from Nottingham Forest to Manchester City last season. Against which club did he score two goals on his debut?

**9** Swansea got their first season in Division One off to a sensational start with a 5-1 win over Leeds. Which former England striker hit a hat-trick during that game?

**10** Luton skipper Brian Horton was the driving force behind the club's surge to the First Division last season. Where did he start his League career?

# TIME

**11** League champions Liverpool were beaten 1-0 on the opening day of last season by which relegated club? Can you also name the goalscorer?



Identify this player and you're halfway to answering question eleven.

**12** Who scored Scotland's first goal in the World Cup Finals in Spain?

**13** Can you name the three First Division players pictured? They each burst on to the League scene last season.



Name these three First Division players and you've got the answer to question 13.

**14** England beat Hungary to qualify for the World Cup Finals, but against which team did Northern Ireland finally secure their ticket and who scored their vital goal?

**15** Which striker finished last season as the top goalscorer in the Second Division?

**16** Who scored the goal which took Second Division QPR to Wembley in their FA Cup Semi-Final against West Brom?

**17** Which club ended Spurs bid to win the European Cup-Winners Cup last season?

**18** Name the club which had to seek re-election to the Fourth Division at the end of last season?

**19** Second Division Chelsea pulled off one of the biggest shocks of last season's FA Cup when they beat mighty Liverpool 2-0. Who scored for the London side?

**20** Name the Northern Ireland striker who scored two goals against Austria in the World Cup Finals in Spain.

**B**

Name these three First Division players and you've got the answer to question 13.

**C**



FORMER England strikers Bob Latchford (Swansea) and Frank Worthington (Leeds) seem certain to be the next players to join the select company of scorers of 200 Football League goals. They will start next season on 185 and 183 respectively.

**SHEFFIELD** United defender Paul Garner has had a yo-yo type soccer career. In the seventies he was with Huddersfield when they descended from all the first three divisions. Then he joined Sheffield United and they, too, suffered the triple drop. However, he has now returned to Division Three with them.

THERE has never been a season since the Football League's formation in 1888 when Liverpool has not had at least one club in the First Division. Manchester hasn't been without a Division One club since 1903, and London since 1904.

*IS it a wise move for a club to give the manager's job to one of its former players who is already on the staff in one capacity or another? No other club has done so more often since the war than Burnley, who have taken that course six times with Alan Brown, Billy Dougal, Harry Potts, Jimmy Adamson, Joe Brown and current boss Brian Miller.*

BRENTFORD will join an elite band of clubs this season when they meet Wigan for the first time. Along with Barnsley, Bury, Grimsby, Lincoln, Northampton and Portsmouth they can then say they have met each of the other 91 League teams.



Leeds striker Frank Worthington needs 17 League goals next season to achieve 200 in his career.

# DID YOU KNOW?

ROCHDALE full back Eric Snookes merits some sympathy. He was with Preston when they were relegated from Division Two in 1973-74. Then, in three seasons with Southport, they were re-elected twice and then voted out of the League.

And in two of his four seasons with Rochdale, the Lancashire side has been re-elected twice.

**JOCK** Wallace, the only ex-goalkeeper managing a League club at the moment, is one of only two former 'keepers to achieve any success as a manager since the war.

He guided Leicester to the Second Division Championship in 1979-80, while former England goalkeeper Gil Merrick picked up the League Cup while in charge of Birmingham in 1962-63.

WHEN Luton's South African-born striker Brian Stein ended up last season as the top scorer in the Second Division, he couldn't have realised that he had created history. It was the first time in the Football League's 94 years that a black player had topped any divisional scoring list.

FEW clubs can match Southampton for their succession of prolific goalscorers. Kevin Keegan, top scorer in the First Division last season, emulated Ron Davies (1966-67) and Phil Boyer (1979-80). In Division Two, Southampton players who led the scoring list were Charlie Wayman (1948-49), George O'Brien (1964-65) and Martin Chivers (1965-66).

OF the fifty or so players who ended last season as scorers of 100 Football League goals during their careers, there wasn't one from Ireland. Nearest to the 'ton' was Southend's Irish international Derek Spence on 96.

THE first player to score from a penalty kick in a Football League match was Heath of Wolverhampton Wanderers against Accrington Stanley back in September 14, 1891 in a First Division fixture.

**LEICESTER** City's midfield general Eddie Kelly was the first ever substitute to score a goal in a Wembley Final. He replaced former England defender Peter Storey and his goal helped Arsenal lift the FA Cup and complete the League and Cup double in 1971.



Luton striker Brian Stein was the first black player to head a divisional scoring chart in the League's history.

**MICK Harford's move to Birmingham was the strangest deal of transfer deadline day, but there's no doubt it was the most successful.**

After a bizarre transfer deal involving 'Blues', Bristol City and Newcastle, the young striker emerged as the man who led Birmingham to First Division safety.

Nine goals in the club's last 13 games made sure that Ron Saunders' complicated three-club deal paid off.

The wheeling and dealing started because Third Division crisis club Bristol City had bought Mick from Newcastle earlier in the close season for £150,000... but they still owed the North East club around £110,000 of that fee.

To make sure Newcastle got their money, bankrupt City allowed Mick to sign for the 'Magpies' on a free transfer so that they could pocket the £110,000 the Birmingham boss was prepared to pay.

"It was all very complicated and everything was handled by solicitors. I didn't get involved in the deal until it was time to sign," explains Mick.

"I signed for Newcastle at about 4pm on deadline day and a couple of minutes later I joined Birmingham. There can't be many people who've had three clubs in one day!

"I was very relieved when everything was finally signed and sealed."

Mick became an instant hit with the fans at St Andrews when he scored the winner on his debut against Brighton and outshone England defender



*Birmingham hero Mick Harford (right) challenges for the ball with England defender Steve Foster on his debut against Brighton last season.*

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# CLUBS... IN ONE DAY!

## HARFORD'S BIZARRE TRANSFER TANGLE

Steve Foster, who marked him that day.

Undoubtedly the most crucial goal Mick scored was on the final day of the season at Coventry. It was the only one of the game and made sure 'Blues' stayed in the top flight for another season.

"It's the most important goal I've ever scored. I doubt I'll ever score a more vital one," said Mick.

"After that goal, you'd have thought we'd won promotion by the way our fans celebrated. The atmosphere was incredible.

"That goal was the icing on the cake after a terrific start to my Birmingham career. I couldn't really have asked for a better introduction to the First Division."

Even though Birmingham were involved in a desperate relegation dogfight right up to the end of last season, Mick thoroughly enjoyed his first taste of life in the top flight.

"It was such a thrill to play at places like Anfield and White Hart Lane. When I was at Bristol only a few thousand used to

come and watch us."

When Mick made his debut for Birmingham he completed an amazing sequence of playing in every division of the Football League in just 15 months.

He started his career at Lincoln before moving to his native North East and Newcastle in December 1980 for £180,000.

The Geordie made just 19 League appearances for Newcastle before packing his bags again and moving to Ashton Gate.

"I'm hoping that my travelling

days are over for a while now. I've moved around so much that when I signed for Birmingham I still had a house to sell in Newcastle."

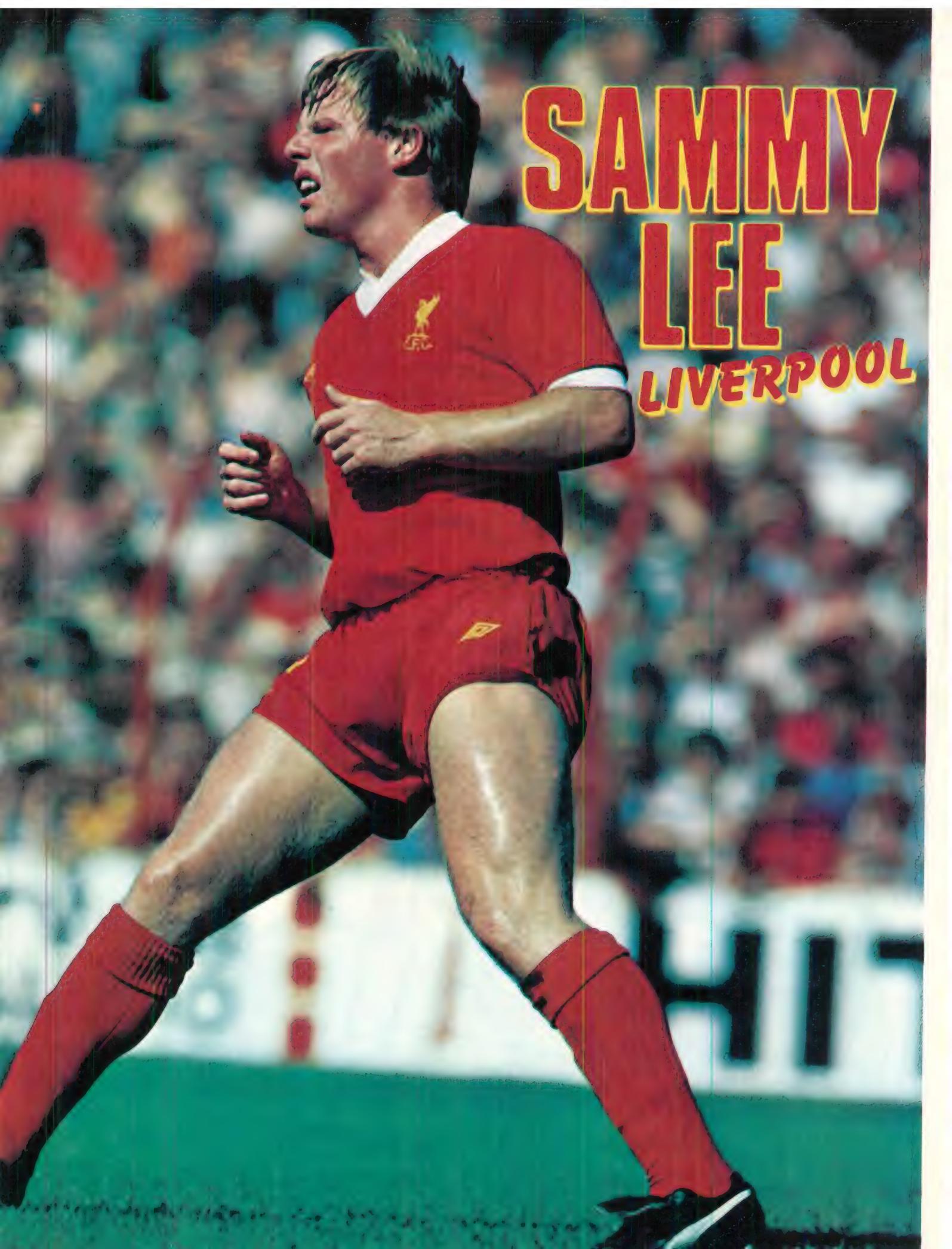
Mick gives the credit for Birmingham's First Division survival to manager Ron Saunders, who joined the club after quitting Aston Villa.

"He's the perfect manager. His record speaks for itself. He has had success with his other clubs, so I see no reason why Birmingham should be any different."

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**GLENN ROEDER QPR**



# SAMMY LEE LIVERPOOL

Flashback to 'Match', September 19, 1981 ...

## 'WOLVES MOVE CAN TAKE ME TO SPAIN' says Joe Gallagher

... The England 'B' international declared: "If Wolves can achieve something this season I have a chance of going to Spain — if England make it."

Joe who joined Wolves after 11 years with Birmingham added: "Blues' have never been successful and I'm sure that hasn't helped my England career."

"If Wolves can finish high up in the League or enjoy a good cup run, England manager Ron Greenwood could be tempted to come and look at me ..."



Joe Gallagher.

● Nice thought but life can be cruel sometimes. Wolves were relegated and Joe finished the season on the transfer list. Phil Thompson, Terry Butcher and Steve Foster were England's central defenders out in Spain.

Flashback to 'Match', November 28, 1981 ...

## 'THE GOAL OF MY LIFE' by Gerry Armstrong



Gerry Armstrong.

"THE biggest night of my life — that's how I rated Northern Ireland's historic World Cup clincher against Israel.

"It still hasn't sunk in.

"There's no doubt it was the most important game in Northern Ireland's history and I'll never score a more valuable goal.

"We know we've no chance of winning the World Cup but we just want to show the outside world that we are a force to be reckoned with ..."

● The dream didn't end with Israel, did it Gerry? That World Cup winner against Spain will live in Irish hearts forever. And Gerry's goal was one in the eye for Ivan Golac, Ossie Ardiles and Arnold Muhren who all predicted in 'Match' that Northern Ireland would make a swift exit from the tournament.

THERE's a lot of fun to be had from peeking back at what players, managers and 'Match Weekly' readers had to say on different topics in football. Particularly when predictions, made with great sincerity in the heat of the moment, turned out looking sad and sour.

Okay, it is a wee bit naughty of us to bring to light statements that the stars have subsequently come to regret. But, of course, they got it right ... and they'll be pleased that we can remind you of that.

So, tongue-in-cheek, we've ferreted through the 'Match' library to bring you some classic statements from the recent past ... keeping a special eye open for interesting comments on the World Cup which were made before the Finals of the competition

# NOW

got under way in Spain in the summer.

With apologies to certain 'Match' readers, we were determined not to leave you out of the fun.

We love to hear your opinions, although we wouldn't wish to embarrass the Middlesbrough who wrote to tell us that his club would surprise the knockers by hitting the heights in the First Division last season. Oops! We just have ...

Flashback to the 'Match Weekly All-Star Special' 1982 ...

## FOREST AND FASHANU Made for each other



Justin Fashanu.

"... I feel as though Nottingham Forest are made for me," said Justin Fashanu.

"Forest remind me of Norwich but with due respect to the Norwich players the only difference this time is that I'm surrounded by top class stars.

"My main aim now is to get on and be successful with Nottingham Forest ..."

● Oh dear. Justin finished up on the transfer list after his first season with Forest and that wasn't what Brian Clough had in mind either when he said: "I'm looking forward to working with him (Fashanu) for the next ten years."

And some of the readers who make the 'Match' letters' page such a lively read each week have little to gloat over.

Take the Liverpool fan who told us after Liverpool's shaky start in the League last season: "Bob Paisley should drop goalkeeper Bruce Grobbelaar now! He's costing us both goals and games ..."

● Paisley and Grobbelaar persevered ... and came up trumps.

And there are no bouquets going to the fan from Orpington, Kent, who wrote: "England will be a laughing stock in Spain. If they manage to win a game in the Finals, I will eat my cat!"

● We trust the "mog" has been spared!

# you're talking!

Flashback to 'Match', September 5, 1981 ...

## 'IT WON'T BE EASY ENGLAND' warns Viv Anderson



Viv Anderson.

NOTTINGHAM Forest full-back Viv Anderson has a warning for the England strikers: "You won't find it easy in Norway."

The young defender was England's right-back when the Norwegians were defeated 4-0 at Wembley a year ago.

But he said: "It will be a different matter over at their place — my team mate Einar Ass will see to that.

"Norway are supposed to be the weakest team in the group but they could pose a threat to our World Cup hopes. There are no easy touches in international football."

● What a potty-sounding forecast from Viv Anderson when he suggested England would struggle to win their World Cup qualifier in Norway that month.

All the evidence pointed to an England stroll. Five previous meetings between the two countries had produced a goal margin of 24-2 in England's favour.

Yet Viv was bang on the mark when he warned: "It won't be easy." Norway's shock 2-1 win proved him so right ...

And how about the Surrey reader who complained: "I'm outraged that so many people think Trevor Francis should play for us in Spain. All he does is wait in the penalty area and bang the ball in the net."

● Well, perhaps Ron Greenwood really did blunder by playing him down the right wing in our final World Cup match against the host country.

But perhaps the penny-watching Scot who wrote from Aberdeen had a most valid point when he suggested: "The big-money clubs waste millions on players like Trevor Francis, Andy Gray and Justin Fashanu. They're just not worth it."

● Regardless of what you think of those examples, there does seem to be a growing feeling that cheque-book madness is doing the game no good at all.

Flashback to 'Match', September 12, 1981 ...

## 'This will be my best season for goals' says Kevin Keegan



Kevin Keegan.

"... I am convinced that this season will be my best ever for scoring goals in the First Division.

"I managed to score 11 goals last season as a midfielder coming forward to support the attack.

"But this season I will be playing as an out-and-out striker. And I'm confident I will beat my previous best of 13 League goals — set with Liverpool before I left Germany.

"It's the first time I have played right up front like this and I'm looking forward to the challenge ..."

● Kevin was spot on. He scored 26 League goals for Southampton — double his previous best! But we wonder if 'Kev' recalls his next statement ... "A team to impress me is Wolves who we played in our second game of the season. We beat them 4-1 but Wolves were good and they are going to beat a lot of teams this season ..."

Perhaps Kevin and Joe Gallagher should commiserate over a beer next time they meet!

Flashback to 'Match', January 9, 1982 ...

## ZICO UNDER FIRE!



BRAZIL manager Tele Santana has warned star striker Zico that he cannot be guaranteed a place in the team for the World Cup Finals in Spain.

He's not happy with the work rate displayed by Zico and one or two other regular members of the Brazil squad.

"We did very well during our European tour but there were periods during the matches when only half the team worked hard while the others took a

rest.

"We cannot have such luxuries in the World Cup Finals and that includes Zico. He must realise he is not indispensable and that scoring goals is not his only job.

"I shall be watching his contribution to the team very carefully between now and next summer and he could find himself out of the team ..."

● From what everyone saw on the telly, Tele you obviously had a change of heart ... and weren't football fans the world over glad you did. Zico was just marvellous.



ARE Liverpool in line for their 14th League Championship? Is it remotely possible that Spurs can win the FA Cup for a third successive season? Could this be the season that one team lands the elusive treble?

# UNITED'S

WE are the champions . . .  
we are the champions . . .

The noise inside the cauldron that is Old Trafford reaches a crescendo as the Manchester United skipper raises the League Championship trophy to the Stretford End.

United have won the title for the first time in 16 years and the packed stadium is a mass of red and white scarves . . .

That I believe will be the scene at the end of another long, tiring but almost certainly fascinating League season.

Liverpool, title winners for a record thirteenth time last term, will once more have to 'loan' the prized piece of silverware to another club.

And it will be to United — still the best supported and arguably the most famous club in the world.

Their flamboyant and likeable boss Ron Atkinson, having weathered his settling-in season, can now guide the team to their greatest triumph since they won the European Cup in 1969.

And Bryan Robson — England's most outstanding player during the World Cup Finals and surely an international captain of the future, can become the driving force behind the

championship charge.

Robson — still only 25 — could go down in history as Britain's most expensive footballer with the days of the £1 million transfer seemingly over and sensibly so.

But it's as one of the world's truly great players that he will be remembered too if he continues to develop at his present rate.

So United have in Robson possibly the most complete midfielder in the country today.

But consider the men around him . . .

There's Steve Coppell — an automatic England choice when fit and one of the most consistent attacking right-sided midfield players in the League.

Ray Wilkins — often accused of being too negative, but capable of tremendous forward vision if allowed.

And now, of course, they have Dutch master Arnold Muhren, formerly of Ipswich, a player of tremendous skill and imagination.

Gary Bailey in goal must be England's best young prospect and, together with his back four, he has combined to make United's defence the least charitable in the First Division over the past two seasons.

And up front, of course, they have one of the most respected strikers in the business in Eire

## PAUL'S PREDICTIONS

HERE'S my full list of predictions for the season:

	Paul's predictions	Your predictions	Dad's predictions	Who won
Division One Champions	Man. Utd			
Division Two Champions	Sheff. Wed.			
Division Three Champions	Sheff. Utd.			
Division Four Champions	Peterborough			
Scottish Premier Champions	Celtic			
FA Cup winners	Arsenal			
League Cup winners	Aston Villa			



'Match Weekly' News Editor Paul Stratton gives his predictions. And there's a special panel for you to fill in your own forecasts so, when everything is decided, you can see who came closest to getting it right.

# TITLE!

## ... and Arsenal for the FA Cup

international Frank Stapleton.

But what of the other teams in contention?

Southampton showed last season that they are not to be written off, but lack the class in depth to be considered serious challengers.

Tottenham — at one stage last season chasing an incredible four trophies — can't be discounted.

But they will miss Osvaldo Ardiles' midfield magic and their style of play — marvellous to watch though it is — may not provide the necessary consistency.

Their big North London rivals Arsenal may be a better bet and could provide their biggest challenge for a couple of seasons.

Northern Ireland international David McCreery left the World Cup Finals convinced Yugoslavian midfielder Vladimir Petrovic will do a good job for them in midfield and time will tell.

But the more important signing is sure to be Tony Woodcock from Cologne.

There can be no doubt that Arsenal sadly missed Frank Stapleton's presence last season and Woodcock can provide the answer to the 'Gunners' goal-scoring problem . . . despite his contrasting style.

The young players Arsenal brought through last season can only be better for their experience and the team can improve on the fifth position

they attained last term.

But what of Liverpool?

Of course they will be in the running and they remain the team to beat.

No season is complete without the Anfield giants challenging for the title and they are the team everyone fears.

So much for the League. What of the cups?

Tottenham have won the FA Cup for the past two seasons. Three in a row? No way.

Arsenal are my tip. Great cup fighters, beaten by the winners last season and they can do it this time.

The League Cup meanwhile could be on its way to Aston Villa again.

As League Champions, they didn't do themselves justice in the 'bread and butter' scene last term, but they won the European Cup and they can make it a hat-trick of silverware this term.

Sheffield Wednesday, unlucky to miss out on promotion last term, can win the Second Division Championship with teams such as Leeds (they can bounce straight back), and Queen's Park Rangers in contention.

Sheffield United can make it a double celebration for the city by clinching the Third Division Championship — following on from their success of last season in Division Four and Peterborough — one of the best footballing sides in the Fourth last season — can make the title their own this time around.

On the Scottish scene it just has to be Celtic again!



Above: Ronnie Whelan — important he repeats his form of last season for Liverpool.

Below: Osvaldo Ardiles — Tottenham will miss his class.



**A****B**

## WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

CAN you identify these four players and name their current clubs?

# ANSWERS

## SOCCERWORD

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**Across:** 13 & 8 down. Bristol City; 14. Leicester City; 15. Reading; 17. Darlington; 18. Gray; 19 & 96 down. Andy Blair; 20. Eric Skeels; 22. Marsh; 24. Prague; 27. Ivano; 28. Forest; 30. black; 34 & 12 down. halfway-line; 36. counter-attacked; 37. Stanton; 41. Bryan King; 42. Ted Phillips; 45. Doncaster; 48. Manchester City; 51. Partick Thistle (Rough); 55. trap; 56. red; 58. Exeter; 59. Willie; 60. leg; 61. Mill; 62. Jimmy Trotter; 63. Sting; 64. Ron Greenwood; 65. Kevin; 67. Split; 69. hands; 73. Spark; 75. gamesmanship; 78. Clamp; 80. Willie Miller; 82. limp; 84. Roy; 85. See 24 down; 86. scores; 87. Hay; 88. grey; 89. goal of the month; 91. sliding tackles; 94. Rugby Park; 97. ever-present; 100. Millichip; 105. Hilaire; 106. Billy McCandless; 109. Hollins; 110. Clark; 112. Zamora; 114. Scott; 115. Noades; 117. Inter; 121. Passarella; 124. team; 125. draw; 127. Birmingham; 129. Hibbitt; 130. dangerous play; 131. Pirates.

**Down:** 1 & 3 down. Bill Slater; 2. stand; 3. See 1 down; 4 & 11 down. Alan Walsh; 5. wing; 6. penalise; 7. See 102 down; 8. See 13 across; 9. Hyde; 10. trains; 11. See 4 down; 12.

See 34 across; 13. Braga; 16. Golac; 21. fanatic; 23. See 104 down; 25. See 66 down; 26. Ernie; 28. FA Cup; 29. Rees (hidden); 31. Lines; 32. Jack Charlton; 33. stockingless; 35. Ayr; 38. one; 39. ends; 40. post; 43. Potters (Stoke); 44. leading; 46. defeat; 47. Screen; 48. See 88 down; 49. Nep; 50. clear; 52. Tiler; 53. Tom; 54. Elliott; 57. drops; 60. Larry; 66 & 25 down. Van Gool; 68. Lea; 69. heading; 70. Somerton Park; 71. Danny; 72. Smith; 73. Sammy McIlroy; 74. keepers; 76. Hughes; 77. Pedro (hidden); 78. Chester; 79. Pickles; 80. World; 81. losing; 83. PFA; 88 & 48 down. Gil Merrick; 90. turf; 92. trip; 93. Proctor; 95. Uli; 96. See 19 across; 98. Villa; 99. nylon; 101. Colin; 102 & 7 down. Ian Branfoot; 103. Zico; 104 & 23 down. CSKA Sofia; 107. massaged; 108. Nattress; 111. Leach; 113. Aylott; 116. Europe; 118. Evans; 119. Train; 120. Pirri; 122. subs; 123. Ards; 124 & 85 across. Tony Godden; 126. Wile; 127. Boys; 128. gate.

## MATCHING PAIRS

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1 Tony CURRIE and Pat RICE; 2 Mike ENGLAND and Alan BRAZIL; 3 Mike FLANAGAN and Clive ALLEN; 4 Alan SUNDERLAND and Ian BOLTON; 5 David CROSS and Alan BALL; 6 John WARK (WALK) and Ian RUSH.

# COLOUR FOR FUN

KEEP a lasting memory of the 1982 World Cup Finals by colouring this special montage of the greatest soccer show on earth.

Match Weekly artist Barry Gurbutt has put his special memories from the Spain spectacular together on one drawing. Colour it in and keep your memories of the 1982 Mundial alive.

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## DO YOU KNOW YOUR SOCCER?

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**WHO AM I?** Alan Kennedy (Liverpool)

**PICTURE PUZZLER:** 1 Tottenham and Chelsea; 2 FA Cup; 3 Steve Archibald of Spurs; 4 Tottenham won 3-2; 5 Liverpool; 6 Chris Hughton (2), Mike Hazard (5), Steve Francis (on the ground), Steve Archibald (8) and Paul Miller (3).

**SPOT THE BALL:** The ball is hidden under circle B.

**WHAT'S IN A NAME:** 1 Torquay; 2 Reading; 3 Northampton; 4 Newport; 5 Lincoln; 6 Halifax; 7 Fulham; 8 Exeter; 9 Chester; 10 Bury.

**ANYONE FOR TENNIS:** The man at the net is Manchester United goalkeeper Gary Bailey.

**WHO PLAYS WHERE:** 1 Montrose; 2 Wigan; 3 Millwall; 4 Carlisle; 5 Brentford; 6 St Johnstone.

**CREST QUIZ:** A — Blackpool; B — Colchester; C — Darlington; D — Gillingham.

**BLANKETY BLANK:** 1 Queen's Park Rangers; 2 Recreation; 3 Coventry; 4 Paolo Rossi; 5 Wolves; 6 Valiants; 7 Airdrie; 8 Gordon Davies (Fulham); 9 The Dons/Pittodrie; 10 Belgium.

**PLAYER JUMBLE:** 1 Kenny Sansom (Arsenal); 2 Peter Withe (Aston Villa); 3 Steve Foster (Brighton); 4 Eamon O'Keeffe (Wigan); 5 Russell Osman (Ipswich); 6 Kenny Dalglish (Liverpool).

**SPOT THE DIFFERENCE:** 1 'Keeper has badge on shirt; 2 Extra line on net; 3 Extra line near ball; 4 Base of wall missing; 5 Extra black panel on ball; 6 Grass at base of post; 7 Stripe on shorts; 8 Player on right has more hair; 9 Player on left has black toe-cap; 10 Sun in sky.

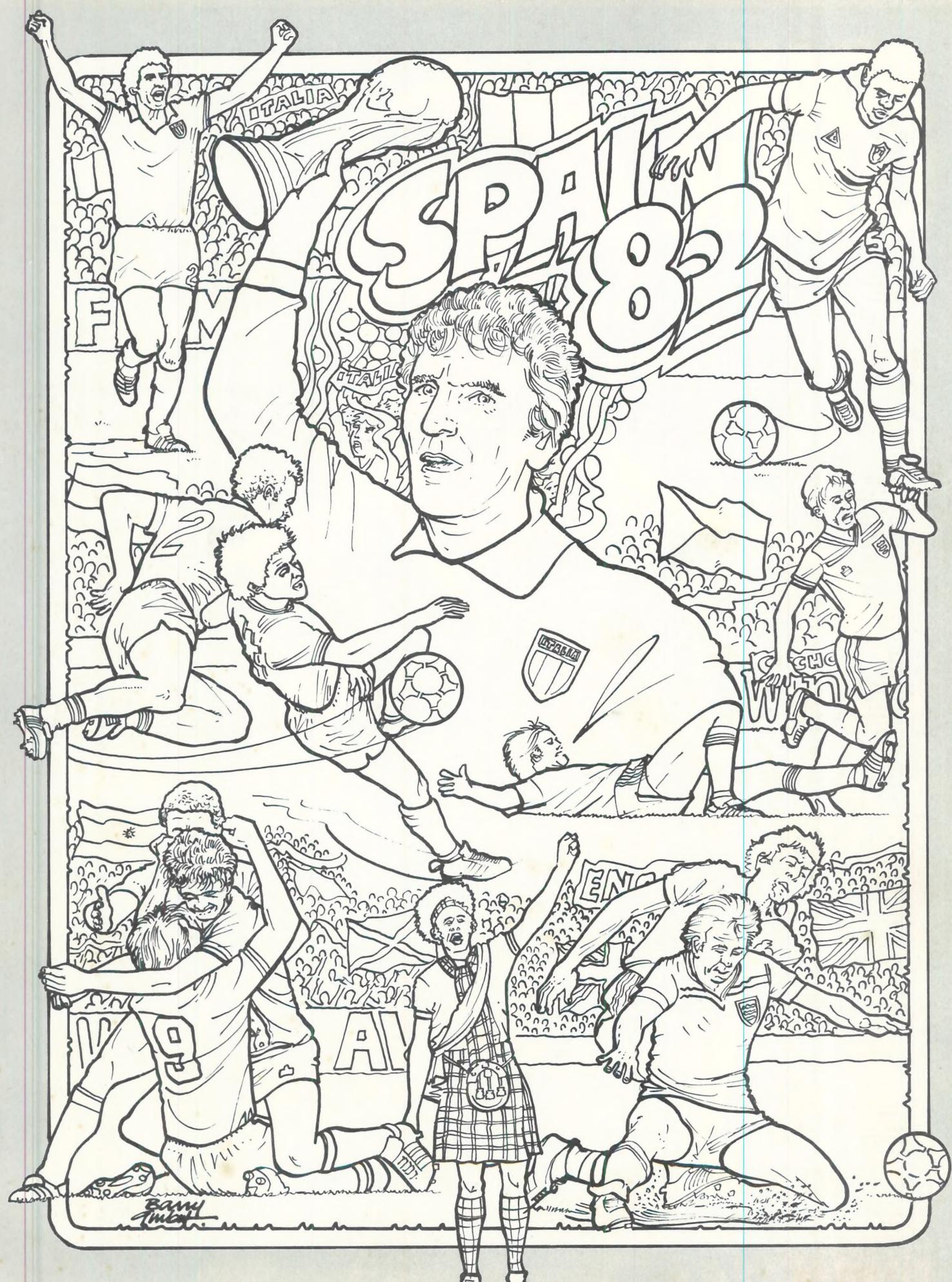
## QUESTION TIME

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1 Bryan Robson (2), Paul Mariner; 2 Wolves; Mick Matthews; 3 Mark Wallington, Alan Young and Steve Lynex; 4 Lincoln, Newcastle and Bristol City; 5 Forfar; 6 Whelan (2) and Rush for Liverpool, Archibald for Spurs; 7 David Geddis; 8 Stoke; 9 Bob Latchford; 10 Most League points and most League wins; 11 Port Vale; 12 Kenny Dalglish; 13 Pic A — Scott McGarvey (Man. Utd), B — Ronnie Whelan (Liverpool), C — Chris Whyte (Arsenal), 14 N. Ireland beat Israel 1-0 with a goal from Gerry Armstrong; 15 Ronnie Moore (Rotherham) 22; 16 Clive Allen; 17 Barcelona (Spain); 18 Rochdale, Northampton, Scunthorpe and Crewe; 19 Peter Rhoades-Brown and Colin Lee; 20 Billy Hamilton (Burnley).

## Where Are They Now?

A Ian Walsh (Swansea); B Dave Thomas (Portsmouth); C Tommy Booth (Preston); D Imre Varadi (Newcastle).



# JOHN LUKIC LEEDS



# DEREK STATHAM

**FOCUS on West Brom's exciting England full-back . . .**

**FULL NAME:** Derek Statham.  
**BIRTHPLACE/DATE:** Wolverhampton, March 24, 1959.  
**HEIGHT-WEIGHT:** 5ft. 6in./11st.  
**MARRIED:** No.  
**CAR:** Audi Coupe.  
**PREVIOUS CLUBS:** None.  
**TRADE BEFORE TURNING PRO:** None.  
**CLUB NICKNAME:** Haven't got one.  
**WORST EVER INJURY:** Ligament and cartilage trouble in 1979.  
**FAVOURITE FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYER AND WHY:** Kenny Dalglish and Bryan Robson.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER TEAM:** Chelsea.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN PLAYER AND WHY:** Brazil's Zico for his all round ability.  
**BEST ALL-TIME BRITISH TEAM:** Banks, Cooper, Charlton J., Moore, Robson, Dalglish, Law, Charlton R., Giles, Best.  
**ALL-TIME INTERNATIONAL XI:** Banks (England), Alberto (Brazil), Beckenbauer (W. Germany), Moore (England), Cooper (England), Zico (Brazil), Pele (Brazil), Law (Scotland), Cruyff (Holland), Giles (Ire), Best (N. Ireland).  
**FAVOURITE AWAY GROUND:** Old Trafford.  
**FAVOURITE FOREIGN STADIUM AT WHICH YOU HAVE PLAYED:** Hajduk Split's stadium in Yugoslavia.  
**BEST GOAL SCORED:** For England 'B' against Spain 'B' in Grenada in 1980-81.  
**BEST GOAL SEEN SCORED:** Terry McDermott's in Liverpool's 7-0 defeat of Tottenham in 1978.  
**MOST DIFFICULT OPPONENT:** They all are.  
**MOST MEMORABLE MATCH:** My debut for West Brom against Stoke in 1976.  
**BIGGEST DISAPPOINTMENT:** Losing in two FA Cup semi-finals, 1978 and last season.  
**FAVOURITE OTHER SPORTS:** Golf, squash and snooker.  
**MISCELLANEOUS LIKES:** Relaxing and driving.  
**MISCELLANEOUS DISLIKES:** Ignorant people and long coach journeys.  
**FAVOURITE TV SHOW:** Most comedy shows and sports programmes.  
**TV SHOW YOU ALWAYS SWITCH OFF:** Emmerdale Farm.  
**FAVOURITE READING:** Sporting autobiographies.  
**FAVOURITE POP STARS:** Daryl Hall and John Oates.  
**FAVOURITE FOOD:** Steak and chips.  
**FAVOURITE DRINK:** Milk and lager.  
**BEST COUNTRY VISITED:** South of France;  
**FAVOURITE ACTOR:** Charles Bronson.  
**BEST FILM SEEN IN PAST YEAR:** Brubaker.  
**BEST FRIEND:** I hope I have a few.  
**BIGGEST INFLUENCE ON CAREER:** My parents and coaching staff at West Brom.  
**WHAT DON'T YOU LIKE ABOUT FOOTBALL:** Bad referees.

**SUPERSTITIONS:** I follow Ally Robertson on to the field when he's playing.  
**PRE-MATCH MEAL:** Steak.  
**INTERNATIONAL HONOURS:** England Youth, Under 21 and 'B' caps.  
**PERSONAL AMBITION:** To be happy and rich.  
**PROFESSIONAL AMBITION:** To be a regular England player.  
**CAREER AFTER PLAYING:** I haven't thought about it yet.  
**PLAYER FOR THE FUTURE:** West Brom's Gary Childs.  
**WHO WOULD YOU MOST LIKE TO MEET:** Muhammad Ali.  
**ADVICE TO YOUNGSTERS:** Always listen to advice and work hard.

*Derek Statham*



